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LONDON DOCK STRIKE SITUATION WORSENS Unions Refuse To Handle Goods Unloaded By Troops PORT DICTATORS NAMED

London, July 13.
The dock strike in the port of London worsened today with 13,756 men out, tying up 132 ships loaded with food and vitally needed raw materials.

Attlee Opens Financial Conference

London, July 13.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, linked with the dollar crisis today with the whole problem of world stability and peace.
He opened a meeting of Finance Ministers of Britain and the Commonwealth nations. The financial experts are seeking a solution to the sterling area's failure to earn as many dollars as it spends.
Mr. Attlee said he hoped Union Ministers could find a way to solve the immediate problem of halting the dollar drain and also lay foundation for working out long-term salvation.
Mr. Attlee spoke to the Ministers in the Cabinet room of 10 Downing Street.
The Commonwealth conference is the latest move in the hunt for a way out of Britain's and the sterling area's dollar troubles.

A Good Start

The Commonwealth economic leaders opened their secret dollar-sterling talks today with a two-hour morning session, which Mr. Walter Nash of New Zealand, called "a good start."
Pakistan's Chaudhri Mohammed said that the meeting was "Successful" but it was only a beginning.
The ministers were gathered round the horseshoe table in the Cabinet offices of the Treasury building for a second time this afternoon.
Their experts who met separately this morning to thrash out technical details will join them for this second session of the vital conference.—Reuter.

H & S BANK STRIKE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, July 13.
A one-day shutdown strike at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank ended last night following negotiations between workers, management and mediation representatives of the Labour Union Board, which reached a compromise wage settlement.—United Press.

MALAYAN AMBUSH

Singapore, July 13.
Eight police—six Sikhs, a Punjabi, Moslem and a Malay, were killed and two were wounded last night when terrorists ambushed their routine jungle patrol near Rawang, 18 miles North of Kuala Lumpur.
The wounded men are a Sikh and a Malay.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0500 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) pressure remains low over SW China with a trough extending to the Lower Yangtze and Honan. Pressure is relatively high in a weak ridge from E of Japan to the Philippines. A tropical depression has formed about 600 miles E of the Philippines.
Today's Forecast: Moderate SE winds, strong at times. Cloudy with squally showers.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum 81.8 deg. Fah.
Minimum 74.4 deg. Fah.
Sunshine 1.5 hours.
Rainfall 12.9 mm.—1.20 in. Total since Jan. 1—1011.7 mm.—39.83 in., as against an average of 3118.5 mm.—122.8 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Baro. at sea level 1010.9 1010.8 mb.
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Wind Force 16 7 knots.
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Troops Take Over From Strikers



Troops enter London's Victoria Docks to discharge essential cargoes from ships strikebound by the docks dispute which involves nearly 14,000 dockers and stevedores, mostly members of the Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers which is supporting the Canadian Seamen's Union in a wage dispute with shipowners. (AP Photo).

Chiang Seeking Return To Power

Canton, July 13.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has definitely committed himself to return as Nationalist China's leader against the Reds and, at the same time, seek to restore himself to the position he once held as one of the world's leading figures.

The latest of his plans that came to light today is to make what some call a morale boosting tour of provinces in West and South West China, but what others call a tour to once more force the impact of his character on the wavering fighting forces of his shrunken armies.

There is still no one in Canton who will say exactly when the Generalissimo is coming here to confer with Acting President Li Tsung-jen and other high Kuomintang officials. The closest guess is two or three days.

If the Generalissimo does set off on a tour, he will be crossing trails with Li Tsung-jen if the President's plans mature. President Li also is known to be planning an inspection tour in some of the same places the Generalissimo's temporary itinerary calls for.

Chiang is tentatively due to visit Kuling, Chungking, Chengtu, Kunming and Kweilin. Li is reported to be planning to go to Taiwan, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Hainan, winning out there. There he plans to remain as long as the Generalissimo is active in his new role, according to the informant.

The Generalissimo, however, according to the United Press informant will return to Taiwan from where he will carry out his pledge to "direct and advise" government leaders to continue struggle against the Reds.

There is still no indication from President Li's offices if he will accept a role of puppet president while the Generalissimo takes over the actual job. One school of thought is the Acting President will remain adamant. Another school of thought is he is willing to lose some face if it will bring back into active co-operation those high figures who are at present at odds in factional splits.

WARTIME BOMB NEAR HOSPITAL

London, July 13.
A fleet of ambulances today began evacuating 30 patients from University College Hospital, central London, after the discovery of a 2,000 pound bomb, dropped during a wartime German raid, in a neighbouring street.
About 110 patients were going to other hospitals and 250 were being sent away. Another 225 patients will stay in safer parts of the hospital.—Reuter.

CHINESE PETITION CALLS FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A petition from 142 Chinese commercial and labour organisations in the Colony, with proposals for the reconstitution of the Legislative Council, and calling for the implementation of Government's promise to set up a Municipal Council by May 1950, will be handed to the Governor on Saturday, July 16, for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

This step was decided upon at a mass meeting of delegates from the organisations mentioned held at the Sun Kwong Hotel yesterday afternoon.

The meeting, attended by more than 400 people, was called under the auspices of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, the Chinese Reform Association, the Kowloon General Chamber of Commerce, and the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as an expression of Chinese public opinion on constitutional reforms.

Main object of the meeting was to present to Government a united front against the proposal, contained in Sir Mark Young, former Governor of Hong Kong, should be scrapped or delayed.

Bloggers put up in the meeting hall read "We want Government to keep its promise to give us a Municipal Council. We support the Young Plan."

Voting Franchise

Another object of the meeting was to express strong disapproval of the proposal, put forward by the unofficial members of the Legislative Council that only British subjects should be allowed to vote for election in the summer of 1950 a permanent Legislative Council should be set up based on a new census.

Two sets of resolutions were passed at yesterday's meeting. The first set, governing the setting up of a reconstituted legislature, contained four points. They were: That the present Legislative Council should be of an interim character and to remain for one year only. In the summer of 1950 a permanent Legislative Council should be set up based on a new census.

The unofficial electors to be in the majority over the officials with a margin of at least two. This will prevent the officials from being swamped when any resolution is put to the vote.

All the 11 unofficials, six of whom are to be Chinese who need not necessarily be British subjects, and five non-Chinese, are to be elected; and there are to be no nominees.

It was pointed out that no nominee could be said to be a real representative of the people, and this view was shared by both Chinese and non-Chinese.

The Electorate

For the purpose of the present interim legislature the list of rate-payers could serve as the electorate.

On the subject of the Municipal Council the four-point resolution passed called, first, for implementation of Government's pledge to establish the Young Plan Municipal Council, as scheduled, before May 1950.

The second point was that instead of nomination by designated bodies as originally proposed, all the 30 councillors should be elected by a common electorate made up of all the inhabitants of the Colony.

It was pointed out that the system of nomination was not democratic, and as originally planned, there was a strong favour of discrimination or favouritism in that whilst certain small organisations could nominate representatives on the Council, many larger organisations were left unrepresented.

The Chusans are important to the Nationalists in putting into effect their blockade of the China coast. Some of the raids on Shanghai are reported to have been made by Chusan-based planes.

Also discussed at the Cabinet meeting were measures for issuing silver yuan bonds to raise war funds from rich Chinese at home and abroad, but no final decision was reached.

Chinese official reports indicate that the main military province is taking place in Kiangsi province, where a section of General Lin Hsiang-shan's forces have divided into separate groups on the West bank of the Kan River in preparation for a crossing to the Eastern side.

As part of this move, his 45th and 46th armies have moved Westward from the Nanpan area.

A Central News Agency report from Taipei on Taiwan island, quotes a Chinese Air Force Communiqué, claiming to have inflicted a thousand casualties amongst the Communists in the Kan River area during missions on July 10 and 11.—United Press and Reuter.

Second Chinese Note To Britain On Blockade

Canton, July 13.
The Chinese Foreign Office is shortly to present a second and more detailed note to the British Government in connection with the closure of China ports to foreign shipping, a usually well-informed Chinese source told Reuter today.
The note, which will be forwarded through the British Embassy's representative in Canton, is believed to deal with the legal aspects of the situation.—Reuter-AAP.

Jap Cabinet Ministers Guarded

Tokyo, July 13.
The newspaper, "Yomiuri", in a prominent article said today that strict security measures have been taken to guard the Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida, and other members of the Cabinet since the suspected murder last week of the State Railway's President, Sadanori Shimoyama.

It said that all persons and automobiles except press cars entering Premier Yoshida's official residence are searched and also a special car with guards has been assigned to escort Yoshida.

In this connection, observers pointed out that General MacArthur this morning reported to his Headquarters from the American Embassy without an escort of honour guard for the first time in the memory of occupation officials.

Osaka Demonstration

Eighty Government railway workers and more than 100 red flag-bearing sympathisers demonstrated against personnel cuts at Osaka last night, tied up the departure of 10 successive freight trains from the Suifu railway yards before they were dispersed by the police and public safety officials late last night, reports Reuter.

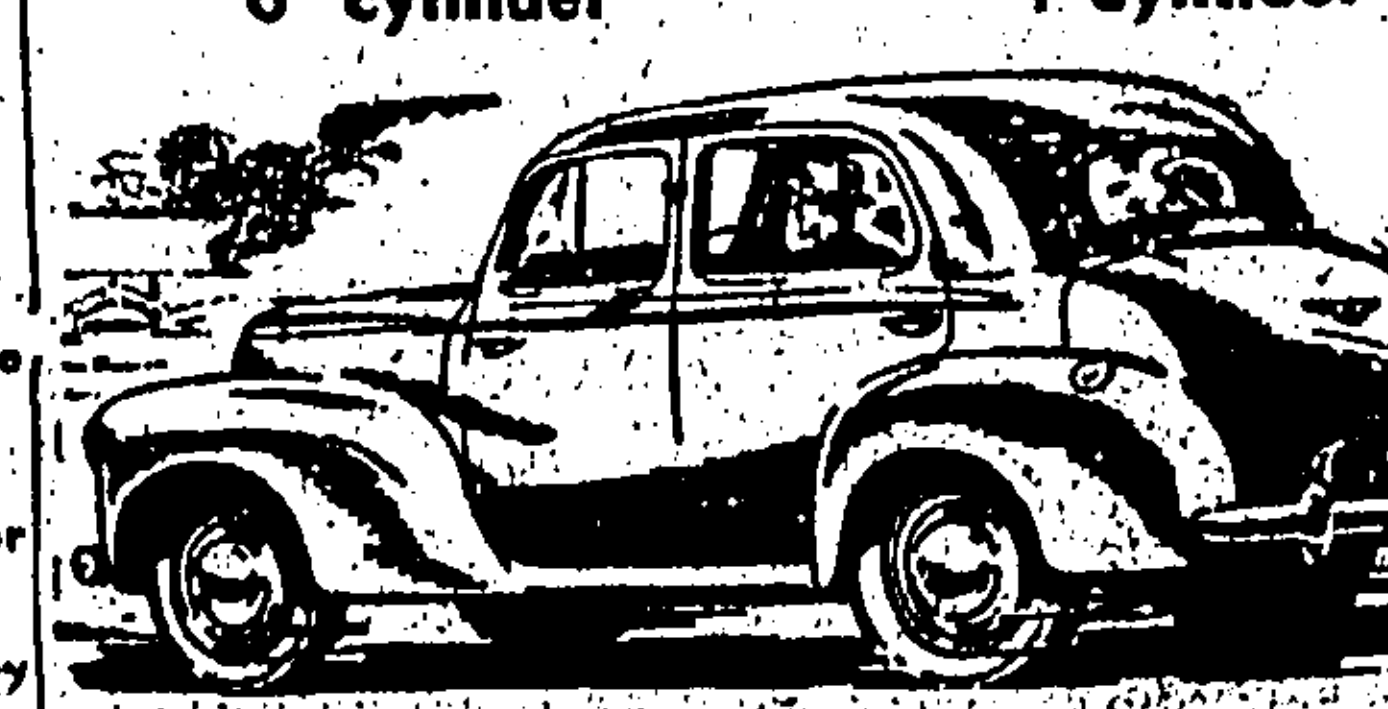
The railway workers began the tie-up after the supervisor at the Suifu yards refused them an interview. They moved down to the end of the line, where the cars of one train were being coupled and persuaded the workers to suspend their work.

In the meantime, the group was swollen by sympathisers to more than 200. The group broke up after the police and public safety officials were summoned to keep order.—United Press and Reuter.

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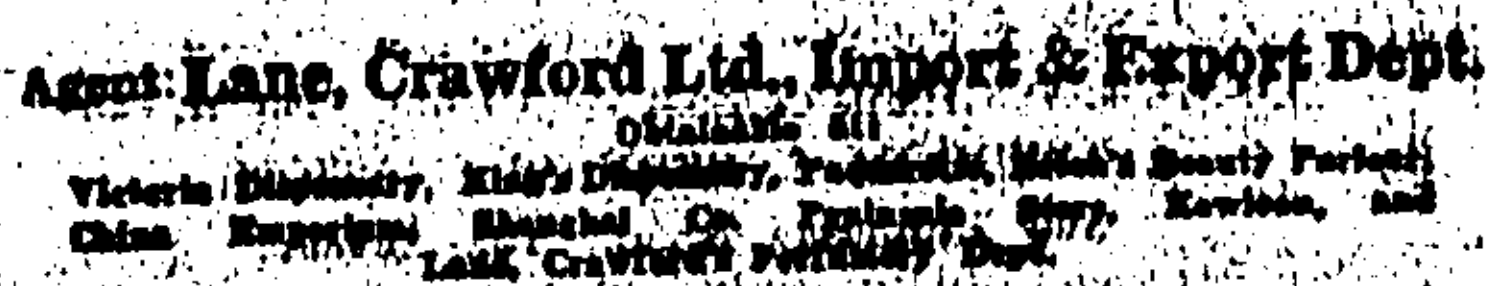
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Woman Journalist Denies She Suspected KLM Plane Would Be Sabotaged

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Union Church ladies' guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 2 p.m.
French National Day, reception at the Clippes, HK Hotel, 6.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club talk on "Wing over Haze" by Mr. J. G. O'Donnell, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai Loan & Investment Co., Ltd., Shanghai-Sumatra Rubber Estates, Ltd., annual meetings, SCM Hotel board room, 11.15 and 12 noon.

Y's Men's Club Ladies' Night, South Bay Beach swimming shed.
St. Andrew's Club, Badminton games, Church Hall, 7.30 p.m.
The Y.M.C.A. 11 European Y.M.C.A. West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Jolly Variety Show for the Troops (Admission free).

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Swimming Gala and Dance, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.
St. Paul's College, Speech Day, 3 p.m., Macdonnell Road, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY
VRC Chinese Y.M.C.A. interclub swimming gala at VRC swimming pool, 9.30 p.m.
Society for the Protection of Children, Flag Day.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER FINED

Yeung Wai, editor, publisher and proprietor of the "Wah Sing" Chinese newspaper, was summoned in the Justice of the Peace court at Central yesterday charged with publishing material of indecent nature.

Also summoned for printing the material was the Wing Sing Printing Company, represented by firm's manager, Ip Sai-cheung.

Both defendants pleaded guilty through their counsel, Mr. J. C. Stewart, who in mitigation pleaded that the publisher had been in the newspaper business for more than 20 years with a clean record. A fine of \$250 was imposed on each defendant.

River Steamer Collides With Junk In Macao

The Hong Kong-Macao river steamer Kwong Sai was reported last evening to have collided with a junk at Macao on Monday afternoon.

According to the local agent of the vessel the Kwong Sai was entering the Portuguese Harbour when her stern struck the bow of a sailing junk.

Damage was negligible. It is not known yet whether any one was injured.

Dutch Liner Arrives From Rio

The luxurious Dutch passenger liner Ruys arrived here from Rio de Janeiro yesterday with only 20 passengers, of whom 16 disembarked here.

She had 1,269 tons of general cargo for the Colony and 5,340 tons in transit.

The Ruys left the South American port on May 3. She left Manila on June 11 for Hong Kong.

Most of her passengers had disembarked en route, when the 8,004-ton liner called at several ports.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

A remand of three days was granted by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday in the case of Tsui Liu, aged 33, Yu Kit, aged 23, and Ng Keung. The charge is that on July 12 at the Economy Cafe they conspired to commit a robbery. They are also charged with possession of two daggers.

XMAS IN JULY

We have placed our orders for CHRISTMAS 1949. This is our assurance to our many customers of a large collection of NEW HOLIDAY merchandise.

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Mrs. Dorothy Brandon of the "New York Herald Tribune" who, with Mr. William Matthews, publisher of the "Tucson Star," was one of 13 American newspaper correspondents who did not board the ill-fated KLM Constellation plane at Batavia, told the "China Mail" that, contrary to reports, theirs was not a last minute decision.

She said that when she left New York on June 13, her plans were already made to make a three-month tour of South East Asia before returning to the United States, and had taken out visas for Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Canton.

"All this talk of our having any premonition of pending tragedy, or that there was any suspicion of sabotage, is sheer nonsense," said Mrs. Brandon.

Mrs. Brandon, who arrived here from Canton on Saturday morning after visiting Singapore and Bangkok, was resting in her room at the Hong Kong Hotel, just recovering from the shock she received over the fate that had befallen her companions on the Indonesia tour, when the "China Mail" correspondent called.

"Bill (Mr. William Matthews), and I left the group at Batavia to make a tour of the Far East as originally planned, before returning to New York. Bill is, I believe, now on his way to Manila, if not already there," said Mrs. Brandon.

"Most of those poor chaps had never been out to the East; this was their first trip. They are leaving behind them at least a dozen fatherless young children," said Mrs. Brandon, deeply moved as she spoke of the three-week tour they had together so recently.

Mrs. Brandon said the decision of the party to visit India stemmed from a joint personal cable to Mr. Nehru requesting special permission for their chartered plane to traverse India so that they could have an opportunity of interviewing the Indian Premier.

The decision was made on the basis of KLM which felt that since its planes had been banned from India since the beginning of the year, the flight would be inadvisable. However, the wishes of the correspondents prevailed.

During the tour in Indonesia the correspondents visited the key points and interviewed leaders of the various political factions.

"They did a very workman-like job of it, and were eager to return home to place the facts of Indonesia before their readers," said Mrs. Brandon who added that the party left initiated and sponsored by the Dutch Government.

Before leaving New York each of the correspondents was presented with a US\$10,000 insurance policy with the compliments of the Netherlands Government.

Mrs. Brandon was particularly touched by the death of Jack Werkey, formerly of the "New York Herald Tribune," Washington Bureau, who was representing "Time" Magazine on the tour.

"Nobody worked more intensively than Jack who sensed the importance of his assignment," said Mrs. Brandon, who also paid tribute to Bud Huell, foreign editor of the "Christian Science Monitor."

Mrs. Brandon, Manila-born and out East most of her life, has been in the newspaper business for 35 years. After she left the party at Batavia she went on to Singapore and Bangkok, arriving at the latter place on July 8, which happened to be the birthday of her married daughter who was born in Bangkok. From there she took plane for Canton, and came down to Hong Kong by river steamer.

She said she was not superstitious and had never been, but while on the subject it did seem a coincidence that the party left New York on June 13, that 13 correspondents were involved in the crash, and the news reached her on the morning of July 13. Mrs. Brandon will be remaining in Hong Kong until Saturday, July 16, when she will take plane for Manila to carry on with her three-month assignment touring South East Asia.

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FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Victor Baukham, civil servant, Hong Kong Government, of Buxley Lodge, 37 Conduit Road, and Miss Betty Ashman of 30 Macdonnell Road; and of Mr. Otto Gustafsson, missionary, of 33 Granville Road, Kowloon, and Miss Frida Livina Danielsson.

PICKPOCKET SENTENCED

Chau Muk, aged 26, unemployed, was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with larceny from person.

The prosecution told the court that at 10.40 a.m. on Tuesday at the Government Wholesale Market on Reclamation Street, defendant put his hands into the right upper pocket of complainant, Chan Sing, and stole \$80.

Complainant, however, noticed it, and seized defendant. The \$80 was found inside defendant's pocket.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and deportation.

FISHING JUNK MISHAP

A 300-pleat fishing junk caught by a sudden gust of strong wind, was turned over on her starboard side in Aberdeen Harbour yesterday morning.

The occupants, two men, three women and a baby, were thrown into the water but they were all picked up by passing junk. No one was injured.

The junk was brought to an even keel and water was bailed out. Property was recovered, though some sank to the bottom. Damage, however, was not serious.

Brothers' Joint Wedding



The wedding of Mr. Chan Tak-kyong and Miss Chan Suk-kwan (left), and Mr. Chan Tak-shuen and Miss Wai Fik-ee (right), took place at the Kam Ling Restaurant yesterday. (Francis Wu's photo)

Presents Certificate



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, is shown here giving a graduation certificate to one of the boys at the prize-giving in St. Stephen's College yesterday.—"China Mail" Photo.

Prize-Giving At St. Stephen's College

"Most of us have a deep affection for our school when we are in it. When we have left our school, we forget all about it, but not so are the old boys of St. Stephen's College," said Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, Governor of Hong Kong, at his speech at the annual prize-giving of St. Stephen's College yesterday.

"They have a particularly deep affection for and gratitude to their alma mater," Sir Alexander continued. "At any rate, they have certainly repaid their debt a hundredfold. I hope that you boys of the present generation will appreciate the advantage of St. Stephen's College."

Chinese students are notoriously good students, and are very keen on books. In the old days, they have been accused of neglecting the activities outside the classroom. St. Stephen's College has won the football competition this year.

Sir Alexander then said that St. Stephen's would go on winning the competition. "You may feel that it is unkind of the Government to express such a sentiment, but it is for the simple reason that it is not good for either the young or the old to be always on the winning side," Sir Alexander explained.

Sir Alexander continued, "It is good to learn the lesson when you are young. It is better to lose cheerfully and honourably than to win by unfair means. The boys here are fortunate in that they can follow the traditions built up by their predecessors."

Warden Leaving

Sir Alexander revealed that Sir E.W.L. Martin, the Warden of the Colony, was due to leave for Australia today for a holiday.

(Mr. Martin is leaving for Australia today in a plane belonging to the Qantas Airlines. The College Council had asked Mr. Martin what he would desire most of all. On learning that Mr. Martin would like very much to visit Australia, he booked the air passage for him.)

Before the prize-giving, Sir Alexander Grantham unveiled tablets in memory of three friends and associates of the College, Mrs. Kathleen L. Martin, wife of the Warden, the Hon. Chau Su-ki, and Mr. Tam Chang-huan, a teacher of the College who died during the Japanese occupation.

At yesterday's prize-giving, the following were awarded Graduation Certificates: Ang Kian-ang (Credit), Chen Eong-hung, Dum Rong-chai, Gan Boon-hui, Hsia Rue-yang, Walter Jeong, Alex Kan, Khoo Ven-ke (Credit), Lam Lau Tak-chuen, Li Hon-chi (Distinction), Lim Hee-lin, Lim How-tsu, Lim Siu-ling, Lim Yau-wai, Tso Joon-peng, Tso Joon-swan, Tso Sung-chi, Wong Kai-wong, Wong Su-yun (Credit), Wu Wing-yai, and Yuo Hsing-sang.

Special Leaving Certificates: Chan Man-sek, Koh Kim-sing, Kwok Kam-chuen, Wong Hok-sing, and Wong Peng-kuo.

Prize-Winners

Dux of School: Li Hon Chi (Mok Ken Sang Medal).
Dux of Chinese: Tang Ying Wai (Hwa-Med, presented by Old Boys).
"Wing On" Prize: Hsiao Yen Kie.
"Warrior" Prize: Li Hon Chi.
"Barnet" Prize: Chu Peh Wye, Chen Pang Yuen.

Prizes:
Form VI: Li Hon Chi, Walter Jeong, Yuo Hsing-sang, and Kian Kan Ang.
Form V: Li Hon Chi, Chen Pang Yuen, Yuo Hsing-sang, and Kian Kan Ang.
Form IV: Chen Tui Ping, Wong Kim Hing, Tang Ying Wai, James Lee, Daniel Lee, Lee Ching (Special Prize).
Form III: Chan Yui, Lee Shiu Shing, Chan Yui, Lee Shiu Shing, Chan Yui, Lee Shiu Shing.
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Form I: Chan Yui, Lee Shiu Shing, Chan Yui, Lee Shiu Shing, Chan Yui, Lee Shiu Shing.

Chinese Prizes

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IMPORTED GOLD WITHOUT LICENCE

Charged with importing gold without a licence, Kwok Chan, a shop fitter, failed to be present at Central yesterday.

He was found to be in possession of 22.8 taels of gold valued at \$3,203 on board the as Cheung King at the Hoi On wharf on July 12.

The gold and bull of \$10 were ordered to be sequestered.

DANGEROUS GOODS

A number of summonses for storage of dangerous goods without a licence from the Fire Brigade Department were heard at Central yesterday in the Justice of the Peace Court.

Tsui Kwai-ling, of the Diamond Steel Works, Room No. 507 China Building, was fined \$1,000 for storing 600 pounds of sodium nitrate and 2,730 pounds of sulphuric acid.

Lam Chau-fong of the Dah Chun Plastic Works, 25, Dagis Street, Kennedy Town, was fined \$100 for storage of 2,000 pounds of formaline and 40 gallons of kerosene.

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'A Forgotten Woman'

The five-day run at the King's Theatre of "A Forgotten Woman," first production of the local Great Wall Movie Production Company, ends today, not because of lack of patronage but because of a mutual agreement.

Among the specially invited guests on Tuesday night, were the Governor and Lady Grantham, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. K. Hawkins.

Undoubtedly, the distinguished guests as well as the other patrons must have been impressed by the striking progress which has been made in the production of movie films by Chinese producers.

As far as Chinese movie films go, "A Forgotten Woman" ranks among the few best produced to date. But like all previous productions, it is full of technical faults.

The film was completed in a very short period. Haste apparently accounts for the comparatively poor choice of background and lack of appropriate scenes.

The plot is not new—abandoned girl, forced to take the easy road to support her illegitimate son, finds herself charged with murder before her first love—a judge.

Miss Pui Kwong, well known Chinese actress, in the leading role puts the entire cast of co-stars in the shade including the leading man, Yen Chin.

The emotional acting by Miss Pui Kwong compares favourably with that of some leading Western actresses. The production was well directed. Technical improvements would have made it the best Chinese picture produced in Hong Kong.

—Y.H.H.

DEATH OF RADNORSHIRE SEAMAN

Mr. William Brewis, leading seaman of the British steamship Radnorshire, collapsed suddenly while on duty aboard the ship and died before proper treatment could be rendered.

The funeral was held at Happy Valley last evening.

Born in Wallsend-on-Tyne in 1902, Mr. Brewis was a bachelor. It was learned that the 47-year-old seaman had just turned up on his regular duty at 5.30 a.m. and was giving routine orders on the main deck when he suddenly collapsed.

Dr. W. Shakespeare, ship's surgeon, went immediately to his aid. It was reported that the seaman died as he was being taken to his cabin.

The cause was given as cerebral haemorrhage.

The Radnorshire, now lying alongside Hoi's Wharf, arrived here on Sunday from the United Kingdom.

Armenian Dies After Macao Shooting

Macao, July 13.

Wounded during the attack on General Ng Hong-nam last Sunday night, an Armenian decorator, Mr. Vardan Petros Ter-Ovakian, died of intestinal injuries yesterday.

The funeral of General Ng Hong-nam, former Commissioner of Police, Chungshan District, took place yesterday. The remains were sent to Chek-ki in Chungshan.

Police agents mingled with the crowds during the funeral procession.

General Ng was shot while waiting for a lift at the Central Hotel on Sunday night. The second civilian wounded, Tam Kwok-yin, was only slightly hurt.

The Armenian decorator was buying cigarettes in the lobby of the Central Hotel when he was hit by stray bullets.

The Macao police are co-operating with the Chungshan authorities in the investigations.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Judgment Reserved In Central Theatre Case

Following closing addresses by counsel, Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, yesterday reserved judgment at the conclusion of the action at the Supreme Court for possession of the Central Theatre.

Plaintiff in the action, Ng Pak-to, merchant of 119 Caine Road, claims that he is solely entitled to possession of the theatre. Defendants, denying this, claim protection under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, is representing the plaintiff, owner of the theatre.

Leung Chuen-wah and W. W. Ip, defendants, are represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin. Defendants are partners forming the Wah Wai Company.

The case for the defence is that he is solely entitled to the premises in question under an agreement between defendants and himself.

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then laid down the club 10. West discarded a spade instead of ruffing as he should, and the last spade was shed from dummy. Now the contract was sure. The diamond K, A and 5 ruffed by the spade 6 followed, shortened South's trumps to the same length as East's. Then the spade 10 was led to be ruffed by the heart A, as an entry for the trump crop lead. When the heart 9 was brought out, East decided to cover with the 10, and the heart Q to East's K, and that poor worthy was obliged to lead from his 7-2 into the 8-3, giving South the last two tricks.

No matter what East played on the heart 9 lead, he had no way to take more than one trump trick. The man who could have beaten the contract was West, if he had put the lowly singleton heart 4 on the club 10 lead to the fifth trick. That would have obliged South to lose a trick in spades in addition to the sure loser in hearts.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 10 4
H A K 5 4
D J 10 8
C J 10 3

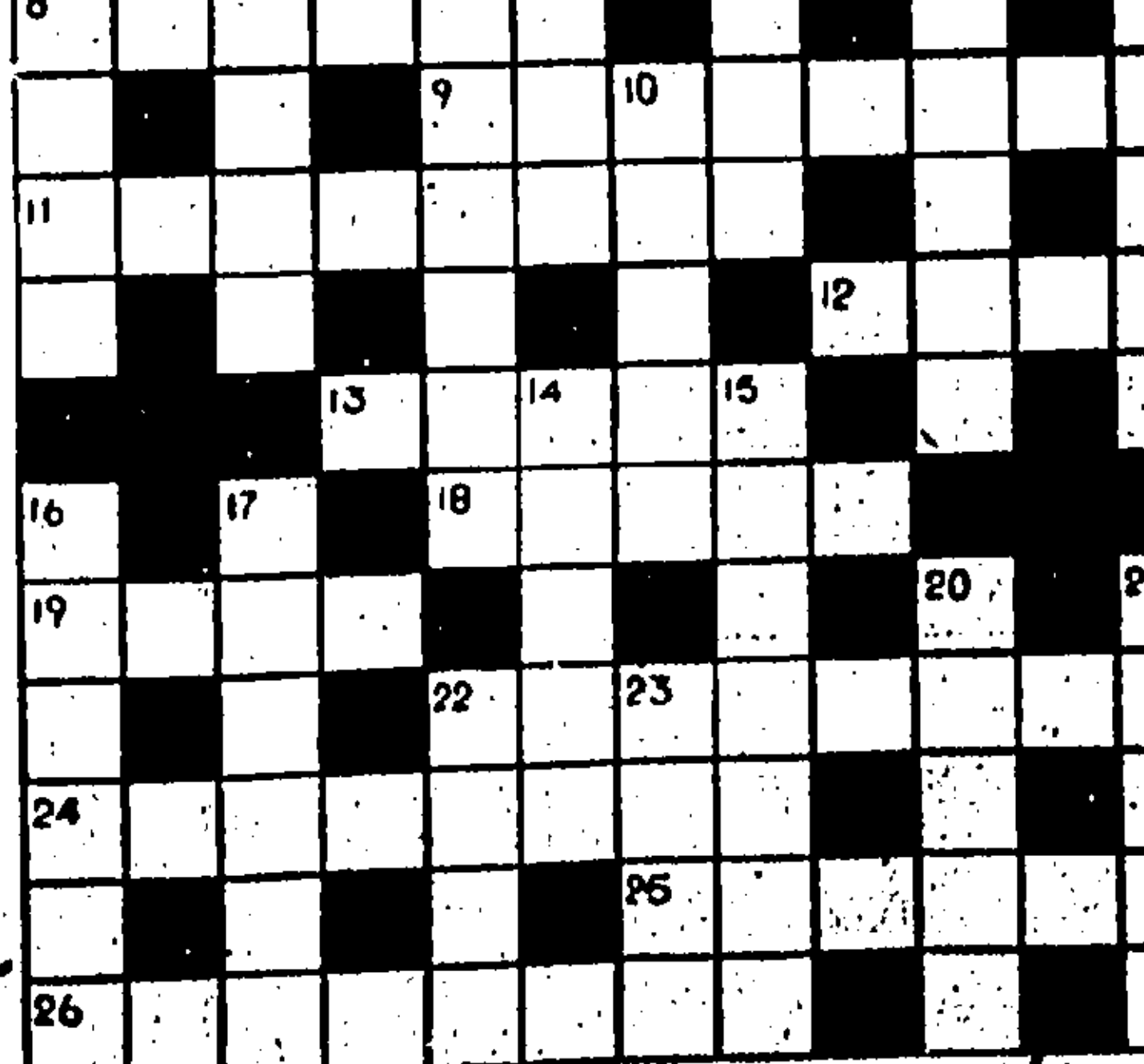
S A 9 7
H Q 8 2
D K 6 2
C 9 7 6 2

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

South took the spade K lead with the A and scored the club Q. K and A, discarding the spade 3 from dummy. He was pleased to see the club J drop. Considering that West might be out of trumps, in view of East's double, or that, not being a too good defensive player, West might not ruff if he had a trump, South

What factor could cause a sound North to favour an opening bid on his skimpy hand?

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Down

1 Chic, 15 Swell, 2 Agreement, 16 Rollashes, 3 Shortage, 17 Oriental country, 5 Spur, 20 Plunder, 6 Peculiarities of language, 21 Take with-out right, 7 Title, 22 Flat alone, 10 Souvenir, 23 Asterisk, 14 Asces.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 3 Treaded, 7 Lapse, 8 Presumes, 10 Speaks, 13 Pleaded, 15 Fado, 17 Learned, 18 Dilated, 20 Edict, 21 Durable, 26 Carved, 27 Extremes, 28 Polka, 29 Thrushes.

DOWN: 1 Clasp, 2 Spree, 3 Tepid, 4 Ease, 5 Decease, 6 Rested, 9 Reeled, 11 Field, 12 Carat, 14 Deduce, 15 Friar, 16 Deals, 18 Decent, 19 Litter, 22 Rape, 23 Thrushes.

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STRIKE VIOLENCE IN ITALY

Rome, July 12. Police, wielding batons, pitched tear-gas bombs into a crowd of strikers and their non-striking workmates who clashed at the Fiat Motor Works in Turin today.

Smaller clashes were reported from other districts of the city, where police riot squads hustled away troublemakers.

The strikers were among the 700,000 Italian metal workers who staged a nationwide 24-hour stoppage to support wage claims, in response to a call by the Communist-led General Labour Confederation.

Italian builders, who belong to a union affiliated to the Confederation, began a strike today, but in a quieter mood.

In the Northern provinces of Lombardy, Piedmont and Liguria, 300,000 of them came out to picket for a pay increase.

Like the metal workers, they claim their employers have been "obstructing" the wage negotiations.—Reuter.

"IRON CURTAIN" CAUSES RIOT

Amsterdam, July 12. Five policemen were slightly wounded when 300 Communist youths, armed with files, lead pipes and clubs, tried to halt the showing of the American film "The Iron Curtain" in the Italia Theatre last night.

This was the third demonstration against the film since its premiere here four days ago.—United Press.

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Manchester, July 12.

Marion Kaczmarek, aged 40, former Polish artillery officer, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Manchester today after being found guilty of spying on Britain and the American Air Force for a foreign power.

He was charged with eight counts under the Official Secrets Act.

The maximum sentence that could have been passed was 14 years.

The Foreign power concerned was not named in the indictment, but the prosecution alleged that Kaczmarek's master was Major Julian Kijdu, Assistant Military Attache at the Polish Embassy, London.

PLANTS ON MARS ARE SKY-BLUE

Moscow, July 12. G. A. Tikhov, academician who runs the world's sole astro-botanical garden—raising flora approximating that of the planet Mars—told a representative of the newspaper "Moscow News" that Soviet astro-physicists will solve, sooner or later, all Mars riddles.

On the basis of his own observation of Mars since 1909, Tikhov is described as the founder of the new science of astro-botany. He first discovered the existence of snow and ice on Mars, an opinion which the majority of the world's astronomers now share. Where there is snow and ice there is vegetation, Tikhov argues, and now he is certain that plants exist on Mars.

However, Martian flowers are unlike terrestrial flora, which does not reflect but absorbs warm infra-red rays. Red, orange, yellow and green colours do not exist on Mars, where plants are not green but sky-blue, according to Tikhov. That was confirmed by the colour in his garden where, in a climate approximating that of Mars, plants developed blue and violet colours, which contain only one-sixth of the warmth in ordinary vegetation. The blue colour protects them from the destructive action of ultra-violet rays penetrating through the planetary atmosphere, Tikhov explained. Certain Northern plants, like the blue Canadian fir, resembled the colour of Martian plants.

He also observed that the huge Martian desert sometimes was covered with reddish rays and says that in certain seasons of the year flowers like poppies, forget-me-nots and violets produced that colour as happens in his desert garden in Kazakhstan.—United Press.

FOOD PARCELS FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, July 12. The equivalent of 1,200,000 calories of foodstuffs have reached Japan since July last year through CARE in the form of CARE packages. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry reported today.

It said 20,000 packages have reached Japan since June last year when the first load of CARE goods arrived here on the Sasebo mail. Other goods brought into this country by CARE include woollen materials, blankets, knitting wool and cotton yarn.—United Press.

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Black Market In Bibles

Chichester, July 12. Black marketeers have cornered the bible market in Japan, Dr. Michio Kozaki, Japanese churchman, told the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches today.

Kozaki, head of the united group of Protestant Churches, said that "smart boys" had obtained many of the 2,500,000 bibles reaching Japan since the war and sold them at greatly inflated prices. There is increasing interest in Christianity in Japan, and even the Emperor is studying the "Christian situation," he said.

Referring to the American occupation of Japan, Kozaki said: "I hope it lasts another 10 years to make the Japanese more educated in real democratic politics and enable them better to stand against Communism."—United Press.

Terrorists Flee To Cyrenaica

Benghazi, July 12. Three alleged Egyptian terrorists who fled into Cyrenaica have sought protection from the Emir, Sayyid Idris El Senussi, who was recently recognised by Britain as the head of an independent Government in the former Italian colony.

The Emir, who is head of the devoutly Moslem Senussi tribe, and who is bound by tradition to offer sanctuary to anyone seeking it, has granted indefinite protection to the Egyptians.

In Cairo, a spokesman of the Egyptian Ministry of War said today that Egypt has closed her frontier with Cyrenaica. Egypt took this action, it is reported, because the Cyrenaican authorities have failed to return the three alleged terrorists, who are said to have crossed the border.

The Egyptian Government has put a price of 500 Egyptian pounds on their heads.

The Egyptian pro-Government newspaper, "Al Asabi," said that the three men are members of the banned Moslem Brotherhood, an extreme nationalist organisation.

The newspaper said that negotiations for the return of the men have been going on for two days with the Emir of Cyrenaica, but the results so far have been fruitless.—Reuter.

Renewed Violence In Calcutta

Calcutta, July 12.

Two bombs were hurled at a police party patrolling the streets of Calcutta tonight, a few hours after the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, had flown here to probe the political unrest and violence in the city.

One bomb exploded but injured no one. The police made six arrests but the bomb throwers were unidentified.

Mr. Nehru, who is here on a three-day mission, received a great welcome from thousands when he arrived at the airport here today and drove along a eight-mile route to Government House.

As his car entered the Shambhu area in North Calcutta, however, there were some throwing of stones and shoes, and further down the route in the same locality, noisy demonstrators, who were said to have been led by members of the Communist-dominated All-India Students Federation, hurled a few stones and shoes.

The missiles did not hit the Premier's car and he passed on unharmed. The police cordoned off the area and dispersed the demonstrators with lathis (staves).

Thirteen demonstrators were injured and three policemen suffered slight injuries from stones. About 25 demonstrators were arrested.

Later in the evening, a procession of 150 people, including some women, paraded outside Government House, where Mr. Nehru is staying. "Go Back," they shouted. They were persuaded to disperse without incident.

Pandit Nehru's private secretary said tonight that no missiles hit the Prime Minister on his drive to Government House.

The Prime Minister plans to confer with the West Bengal Cabinet and Congress Party leaders on strengthening the Congress organisation and rooting out the violence from which Calcutta has been suffering recently.—Reuter.

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HITLER HENCHMAN GOES ON TRIAL IN FRENCH COURT

Paris, July 12.

Otto Abetz, once Hitler's top lieutenant in France, smiled nervously and blinked in the heavily-guarded court today while two officers read an 84-page indictment charging him with complicity in assassination, looting, mass deportation and torture.

Though free in Paris, his French-born wife, the former Suzanne de Bruyker, was not present when Abetz, pale but neatly dressed, was called into court to face the war crimes charges, which took three years to prepare.

The trial, the last of France's big war crimes hearings, is expected to last about two weeks and three former French Premier—M. Edouard Daladier, M. Paul Reynaud and M. Pierre Etienne Flandin—are expected to give evidence.

Thirteen men were called to the 13th Chamber of the Paris Central Law Court to judge 40-year-old Abetz—the presiding judge, M. Marcel Pimier, six French Army officers to serve as a jury, and six other officers to replace jurors who might fall ill.

Press photographers' bulbs flashed as the court asked Abetz for his personal particulars.

"Profession?" "Ex-Ambassador of the Reich," Abetz replied with a slight nervous smile.

He was allowed to sit at a small table to the left of the clerk—the dock in the tiny courtroom was occupied by journalists—next to a Republican Guard wearing a revolver.

The charges against him fall under three main heads:

(1) Complicity in murder—Abetz is accused of suggesting in March, 1944, that three former Cabinet Ministers—M. Leon Blum, M. Georges Mandel and M. Paul Reynaud—should be shot in reprisal for the execution of Vichy agents in Algiers.

He was accused of instigating the murder of M. Mandel.

(2) Complicity in mass deportation and torture. In a telegram to the Wilhelmstrasse on July 3, 1942, the indictment said, Abetz said "no objection" to the deportation of 40,000 Jews to the Auschwitz concentration camp.

(3) Looting—He is accused of complicity in looting 20,000 works of art sent from France to Germany in 137 trucks.

He is also charged with having obtained through political pressure controlling interests in some French companies, especially the National French News Agency.—Reuter.

AUSTIN- NUFFIELD BREAK

London, July 12. Two of Britain's biggest car makers decided today to start keeping their production secrets to themselves again, after seven months of sharing them with each other.

A joint statement issued by the Austin Motor Company and the Nuffield Organisation said:—

"The interchange of confidential information has ceased. No further steps will be taken with regard to the pooling of production resources and no merger of any kind is contemplated."

The two companies agreed last October to exchange notes on production methods, costs, design and research with the object of effecting maximum standardisation of parts and to pool all factory resources and tools.—Associated Press.

Treasure Trove Find In Moscow

Moscow, July 12. Two Russian bricklayers found a treasure in gold bars weighing 95 kilograms, which they immediately handed to the authorities.

The hoard was discovered accidentally while the workers were demolishing an interior wall in a house. Twenty-eight gold bars were found hidden, walled in the brickwork of the chimney.

Before the revolution the premises were used as offices by big merchants. Some of the bars were stamped 1916 and 1917.—United Press.

INDIAN CONSUL IN INDO-CHINA

Washington, July 12. Mr. F. M. de Mello Kamath, former First Secretary at the Indian Embassy here, will leave by air on Monday to take up a new appointment as Indian Consul-General in French Indo-China.

He will confer with Foreign Service officials in New Delhi before going on to Saigon.—Reuter.

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The Butterfield and Swire vessel Hanyang, believed to be the first British ship to have run the Nationalist blockade of the China coast. ("China Mail" photo).

COLOUR BAR POLICY ATTACKED BY SMUTS

Capetown, July 12.

Tommy Killed By Yugoslavs

Trieste, July 12. A British soldier was killed by a Yugoslav frontier patrol on Sunday night, it was officially announced here today. A statement from the British Headquarters said that the incident occurred near Gropada, on the Morgan Line. Investigations by Allied military officers are being made. It is reliably reported that the Yugoslav authorities have refused to allow the body to be removed. Reuters.

BRITISH NOTE TO CANTON

London, July 12. Britain has sent another note to the Chinese Nationalist Government about the closure of Communist-occupied ports in China, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. The official declined to disclose the contents of the note, which was handed over yesterday by Mr. P. Coghlin, British Embassy representative in Canton. Well-informed sources said that Britain is sticking to her declaration that the closure is illegal and that she will not recognise it.

The Nationalist Government's reply to the first British note maintained that the closure is legal. The Nationalists avoided calling it a blockade, which could have raised the question of according belligerent rights to the Chinese Communists.—Reuters.

TRAITOR SHOT

Paris, July 12. Pierre Marty, former regional head of the Vichy police who was convicted of treason on July 23 last year, was shot at Toulouse today. He was accused of arresting and torturing members of the Resistance Movement and stealing their property. Two of his former subordinates, convicted on similar charges, were shot with him.—Reuters.

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CONFERENCE AT BAGUIO MAY FORCE SHOWDOWN ON AMERICAN POLICY

Tokyo, July 13.

Diplomatic observers here believe that the Baguio conferences of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and President Quirino may force a showdown on the United States foreign policy toward the Far East.

With the call out for a Pacific pact and with the Philippines, China and Southern Korea apparently going ahead toward such a goal, the United States will have to support such a group or suffer further loss of prestige in Asia.

If Far East nations take initial steps to follow the programme which America endorsed in Europe, they will expect the United States to treat them the same as Europeans.

They will be pretty bitter if the Americans give the Far East alliance a cold shoulder. Regardless of the merits of a Pacific pact, diplomatic observers here believe that the United States would be in a tough spot if Far East nations invite America to participate.

While it appears that Japan's participation in such a Pacific pact will be out of the question until a Japanese peace treaty is signed, the Japanese are vitally interested.

Many Allied officials, as well as Japanese, think that some sort of a Pacific alliance will be necessary after the peace treaty with Japan is signed in order to protect and guarantee the neutrality of these damaged islands.

On the spot American officials here have long favoured some kind of joint anti-Communist action in this part of the world.

Quirino On Talks

General MacArthur is known to feel that any "half Communist" programme that the United States adopts will not be successful unless it is carried out in Asia as well as in Europe.

Diplomatic observers point out the recent declaration of the intention on the part of the Chinese Communists to throw themselves into the Russian bloc and declare that this makes it clear once and for all that the Communist problem in Asia is no different from that in Europe.

President Quirino declared tonight that the Philippines and China are not asking anything from the United States.

He told a press conference at the summer capital of Baguio, where he met Generalissimo Chiang at the week-end: "The Philippines and China did not bother the United States because it is the intention of these two Far Eastern countries to organise themselves with whatever resources they have to stop Communism as their contribution to the American campaign against Communism."

The President added: "We are not asking anything from the United States. On the other hand, we are doing our bit here as our contribution to the American pre-occupation with regard to Communism."

Chiang Going To Canton

President Quirino said that Dr. Syngman Rhee, the President of South Korea, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had urged him to take the initiative.

"We are contributing what resources we have and, with our friendship, trying to help the United States without expecting something in return," he said.

Meanwhile, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Chilai, 500 miles South of Taipei, today.

He is expected to leave for Canton at any time.

It is reliably learned that he did not fly to Canton direct from the Philippines because of the unexpectedly speedy conclusion of his Baguio talks with the President of the Philippine Republic. It is said in Taipei that the Generalissimo will proceed to the hinterland after the Canton conference.

Many important people left for Canton this morning in preparation for the forthcoming conference there.—United Press and Reuters.

NO PROGRESS IN PALESTINE

Syrian-Israeli border, July 12. The Israeli and Syrian delegates sat late into the evening in a trying to reach an understanding on the armistice agreement, which was due to be initiated today.

According to reports confirmed by the head of the Israeli delegation, the disagreement arose at the last sitting, following a Syrian request for the Israelis to withdraw from the town of Samach, on the Hailo-Damascus railway, and for the area to be demilitarised.

Unless some last-minute solution is found tonight, the talks will continue further into the week, the head of the Israeli delegation said.—Reuters.

GATEWAY TO NW BURMA RETAKEN

Rangoon, July 12.

Myingyan, important road and railway town 390 miles North of Rangoon, was recaptured by Burmese Government forces, the Burma Army announced today.

An Army statement said that PVOs fled the town.

Myingyan, which is the gateway to North Western Burma, was occupied by PVOs last March. They took over the administration ostensibly to protect the town from Kurens, then advancing upon Mandalay from the stronghold of Toungoo, 180 miles from here.

Another Government success in North Burma—the recapture of Kanbulu, a railway halt on the Salween branch line 90 miles North of Mandalay—was also announced by the Burma Army.

It said that the rebels have been completely cleared from this area. The Army said it has received reports that 50 Japanese believed to be deserters are assisting the Karens in the Ensein district North of Rangoon to manufacture ammunition locally.

Hill Peoples' Decision
Meanwhile, it is learned officially today that Burma's hillmen have decided to allow foreign investment in remote frontier areas so long as it does not interfere with the state's integrity or the rights and liberties of the people.

They passed this resolution at a United Hill People's Organisation conference at the Southern Shan states capital of Taunggyi, held after an earlier postponement because of rebel activity.

The conference also passed a resolution recognising individual rights, prohibiting oppression by tribal chiefs and adopting "a middle way" policy which will not tie the hillmen completely to left wing or right wing deals.—Associated Press.

FORMER BRITISH SHIP FOR CHINA

Norfolk, Virginia, July 12.

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He told reporters that there is a tremendous difference between Hong Kong's defensive strength now and at the time of the surrender to Japan early in the war. In an apparent reference to the Nationalist blockade of China, he declared that the traditional British policy of defending its ships against any attack wherever possible will be maintained.

British naval units visiting Japan are returning to Hong Kong today.—Associated Press.

Dublin Statue May Be Sold

Dublin, July 12.

The city of London, Ontario may buy the Queen Victoria Statue which was removed from the grounds of Parliament House here last year.

Mr. Patrick McGilligan, Erie's Finance Minister, stated in the Dail (the Irish Parliament) today that the Government has received an enquiry from the City Council, but the terms are not yet settled.

Erie will not bear the transport costs, he said. The large bronze statue, which was erected in 1890, was removed to make room for a Parliamentary car park. It is now in a store in Dublin.—Reuters.

MONKS RELEASED

Karachi, July 12.

The East Bengal Government has released two Buddhist monks, who were imprisoned several weeks ago, for objectionable activities. They are alleged to have formed Communist cells.—Reuters.



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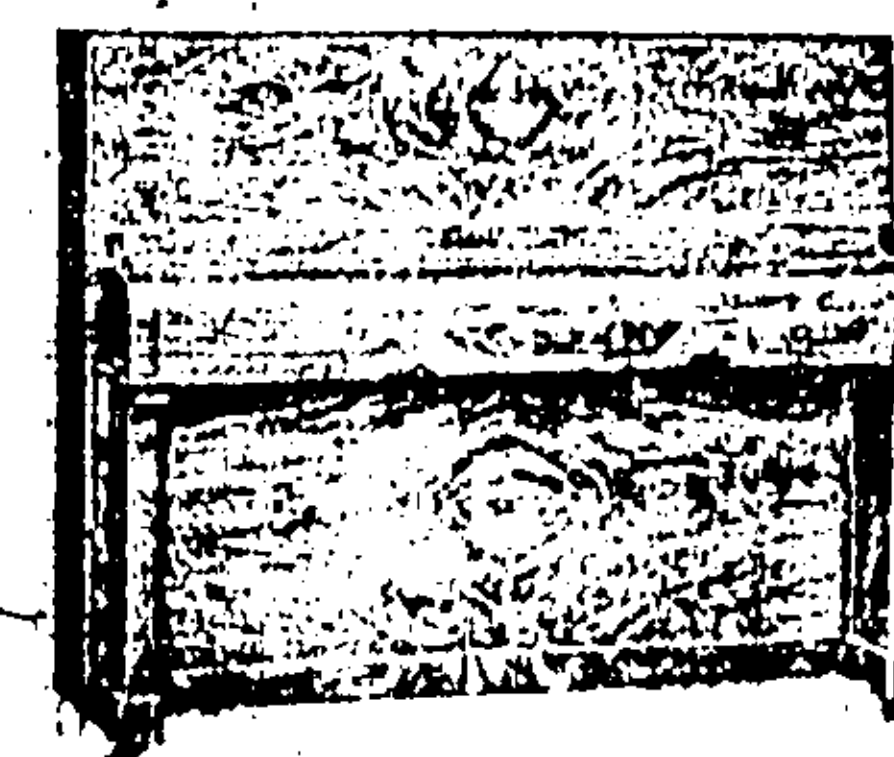
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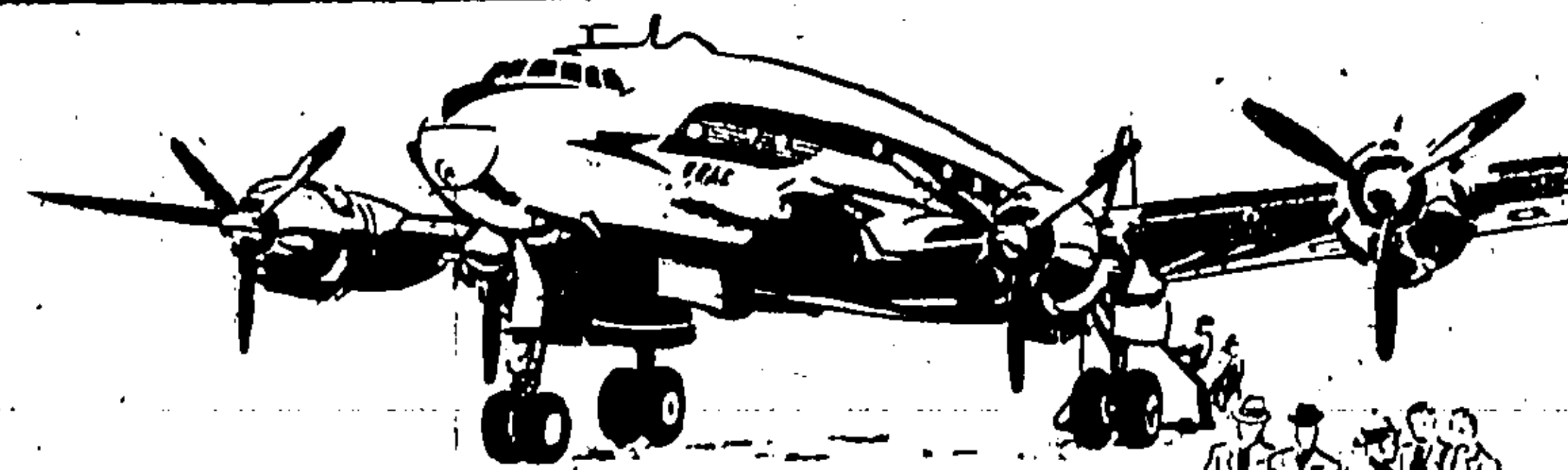
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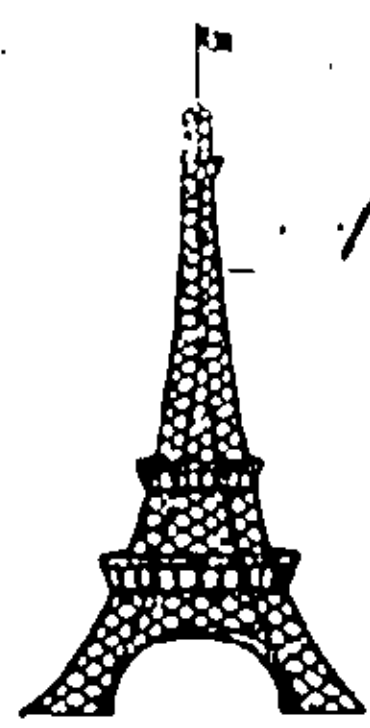
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FUTURE OF BOAC

It is seldom one considers editorially a commercial enterprise, but British Overseas Airways Corporation has qualities of uniqueness in so far as it is owned by the Home Government and is—with its subsidiaries—the only airline flying over the Far East. Further, it carries our mails from London and intermediate points to Hong Kong. The organisation has lost fabulous sums of the taxpayers' money since becoming nationalised, and the local quips that its initials stood for British Overseas Airways Corporation were not without some point. We can instance several people who arrived here on schedule and found they were not expected for several days—because they were on time. Criticism, however, is easy, and usually tends to overlook the many excellent qualities of BOAC, and also the reasons for some of its shortcomings which the directors could not avoid.

This airline has one of the lowest accident rates in the world, and delays are often due to nothing else than extreme caution on the part of pilots and maintenance crews, to ensure that even a slight margin of danger is eliminated. The new Solent flying boats provide what is probably the most luxurious air travel in existence, but they are far from being the last word.

For some time there was truth in the charge that the organisation was top-heavy with staff who contributed little to its effective operation, but since Sir Miles Thomas, now chairman, became deputy chairman 15 months ago, the personnel list has been streamlined by more than 4,000. This, of course, has not worked miracles, and there is undoubtedly a great deal of red tape still clogging the works. In fact, those of us who do not worship at the Socialist shrine may wonder if nationalised airlines can ever successfully compete internationally, and whether they will not always have to be subsidised.

Such questions cannot, however, be answered until BOAC is operating fully on large, modern machines. Many of the present ships are old-style converted bomber types, which are very costly to run and carry too few passengers.

It is very difficult to prove the allegations made from time to time that the corporation has, by "devious means, slowed down the successful completion of large, post-war British planes. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that both these charges and the current acute shortage of hard currency, will tend to induce BOAC to encourage to the limit the production of the Princess 150-seater flying boat, the mammoth Brabazon—and the de Havilland Comet, which may soon with luck start a new era in British aviation.

For, although millions in America and Russia may not have heard of it, the United Kingdom has pioneered in the air, as in many other branches of engineering and endeavour. We invented the jet engine, and still lead the world in their development. The Comet, flying at 400 mph on her four Ghost

Meet M. Dupont

"How does the average Frenchman get along, what are his difficulties, his pleasures, his shortcomings?"

I am often asked this question, for it's very difficult for visitors to France to get to know the inside life of a French family. Well, here is what life is like in a typical French family—M. Dupont, aged 41, his 37-year-old wife Madeleine, and their two children, Jacqueline and Gerard, aged 13 and 11.

The family live at Asnières, in the suburbs of Paris, where they have a flat consisting of four rooms and a kitchen (no bathroom). The parents' bedroom is furnished with a double bed—the French haven't taken to twin beds—a wardrobe with a mirror, and three very hard chairs.

M. Dupont is a book-keeper in a china shop, and earns £5 a week. The whole family get up at 7.30 and sit down to the usual French breakfast, a bowl of café au lait with buttered bread to dip into it.

Jean Dupont works a 40-hour week. He gets to work at 9 a.m., and at midday goes home to lunch, because he's fond of good home cooking, carefully spiced and served with tasty sauces, and followed by pastries as only his wife can make them.

With each meal he'll drink a bottle of red wine, costing about 1s. 8d. What with all this and his paper, he spends an hour at table, leaving himself just time, with his half-hour Metro journey, to get back to work by 2 o'clock.

At 6, he's finished for the day, and usually goes straight home. But sometimes he stops at a little bistro where he'll meet a few friends, drink an aperitif or two, vermouth or pernod, costing about 1s. 8d., and have a game of billiards or his favourite card game of belote.

When he gets home, M. Dupont is glad to get into a comfortable old sofa and to potter about the house doing odd jobs. He's always finding something to tinker with. He'll take the wireless to pieces for the pleasure of putting it together again. And, if he can really find nothing to do in his own house, he'll try his luck next door.

Dupont is a free-thinker, but he sees to it that his children are baptised and confirmed.

He's a great individualist. He never forgets that he's descended from the revolutionists of 1789—the only revolution in his eyes. He never loses an opportunity to stress his independence. He'll rarely use the pedestrian crotchets, though he's now liable to be fined 5s. on the spot. It gives him a kick to enter the Metro by the door marked Exit.

M. Dupont takes regulations as soon as a new law is passed, he's thinking of a way round it, and finding one.

He's interested in women, looks at them from toe to top and thinks the legs are the most important part.

He's very vociferous about his manly independence, but the same avoids making Madeleine jealous because he has a strong dislike of a scene.

When he was under 30 he was an active member of a football club, and on Sundays used to go rowing. He still follows the football results closely, especially Cup and International matches, but he's given up playing himself.

Deep down inside them, French people have no love of foreigners. They're delighted that tourists come from all over the world to spend money in their country, but they're on their guard with them. They won't readily ask a foreigner into their home circle.

The hate the Germans, despise the Italians, and consider the Americans as good customers. As for the British, it's a case of unrequited love.

You often hear a French person say rather bitterly, "Every one knows that, for the English—the black race are at Calais." British disdain is one of the most important causes of misunderstanding between the two countries.

Like every Frenchman, M. Dupont would have liked to emigrate, but he's given up the idea. He has no desire to share the hectic American way of living, and British austerity passes his comprehension.

"Did they win the war or didn't they?" he asks.

He knows that France is backward from the point of view of industrial equipment, sanitation, and general standard of living. But he also knows the value of the good things of life and means to enjoy them while the going's good.

jets may blaze a new trail of glory. The ease, as well as the speed, of this type of air travel has to be experienced. The new Bristol 175 that BOAC has plunged for—25 of them—should have the same attractive characteristics.

It may raise a wry grin at the moment, but with the brilliant promise of the still untried machines—Britain could easily achieve the leading place on world air routes. The question remains—how long do we have to wait?

ALEX LAMOTTE

COLONIAL STOWAWAYS

BRITAIN IS THEIR PARADISE ISLAND

"Stowaway." Every British merchant service captain hates to hear that word, but if he's on the West Indian or West African "run" it's rarely out of his ears these days.

Hundreds of stowaways from the Colonies have poured into Britain since the end of the war to swell the total have set sail for this country convinced that their brightest days stretch ahead.

According to unofficial estimates more than 4,000 coloured emigrants have arrived in Britain in the past three years, including several hundred stowaways.

No Real Check

These estimates are unofficial because the emigrants, mainly from the West Indies and Africa, are British citizens and are registered under any official category.

No one knows exactly how many there are, where they are living, or whether they are working. Many have settled happily to life and work in England; others are "odd men out."

Another 400 men and women sailed to Britain from the West Indies recently in search of work. They have paid £50 for their austere berths, which represent the life savings of many of them.

Some have jobs and friends in Britain; others have no jobs but sufficient capital to last a few weeks or months; some will be practically penniless when they step ashore.

An emigrant to Britain does not require a specified amount of capital before he or she can land. The entrance fee is a British passport and a passage ticket.

Forewarned

Remembering the case of the Empire Windrush just a year ago, the Colonial Welfare Department is already making reception arrangements. The Empire Windrush, an old troopship, carried nearly 600 Jamaicans who, falling to find work in their own country, set sail for Britain.

More than half of them came

without jobs and without friends and stayed for three weeks in the Clapham Common deep shelter until other accommodation could be found. Those who were penniless and could not find any means of making a living went on to Public Assistance.

In a statement in the House of Commons the Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, warned future

By GRAHAM STANFORD

emigrants that, apart from the accommodation problem, it was difficult to find jobs for unskilled men in Britain.

But still the quest for a brighter life in Britain continues today; hundreds of West Indians struggle for passages in every liner leaving the islands, and the number of stowaways from these and other Colonies rises every month.

Officials of the Colonial Office have visited the West Indies to give the inhabitants a picture of prospects in Britain for the unskilled worker.

But even the most realistic West Indian takes the view that, however difficult things might be in Britain, they could not be harder than at home, for it is estimated that in Kingston alone unemployment has reached 70,000.

Does Its Best

No Government Department has any specific responsibility for these coloured emigrants, although the Colonial Welfare Department does its best for them from the moment of arrival. They register with the Ministry of Labour in the normal way, and are asked their qualifications, and advised of any likely openings.

It is estimated that 75 per cent of the 500 who came over in the Empire Windrush are now working, but this again is an unofficial estimate which cannot be checked. Colonial Office and Ministry of Labour officials say that one of

the great dangers is that "pockets" of workless Colonial emigrants tend to grow in the port cities, and there's no doubt that this is happening in the dock areas of London, Liverpool, and Bristol.

One official told me: "Our object is to spread the emigrants over various areas in the country where work is available."

Many of the emigrants have become absorbed in the life of Britain; have found homes and good employment. Some are working for the Post Office; others for British Railways, electrical undertakings, and some have found openings in the motor-car industry.

Others have returned home frustrated, and quite frankly bitter that prospects in Britain were not as they had believed.

One of the difficulties is that no few have the specialised training which enables them to walk straight into jobs in the under-manned basic industries, where they would be of most service to Britain.

An official of the League of Coloured Peoples put it like this: "Hard economic necessity in the West Indies has made many of them Jacks-of-all-trades. They find it hard at first to understand the high degree of specialisation required in British industry."

Court Comment

Majority of the stowaways come from West Africa, although miss stowaway attempts were feared this week before the emigrant liner George sailed from Trinidad. Their frequent appearance at the Thames Magistrates' Court brought this comment from Magistrate Leslie Marks: "I suppose there are some of the population left in West Africa, although at times I begin to doubt it."

Usual sentence for stowaways is 14 days' imprisonment, after which they look for work. All British subjects have a right to enter the United Kingdom, and even if they are stowaways, cannot be deported.

Scotland And Scandinavia In A Mission Of Mercy

One Greek child in every eight is a refugee.

A refugee from the systematic campaign of terrorism and abduction by which the Communist-aided and directed guerrillas have been trying for three years to drag Greece behind the Iron Curtain.

In this bitter war without quarter it is the children who have been hardest hit in the suffering little nation of 7½ million peace-yearning people.

Twenty-eight thousand of the most precious flower of Greece's future generation—the peasant-farmer stock which is the backbone of the nation's economic and social life—have been abducted by the guerrillas and removed to the Russian satellite states of Eastern Europe. They are being brought up there as young Communists, taught to forget parents and patriotism as clay-footed idols.

There is no link between them and their sorrowing parents in Greece. The kidnappers' states have so far refused to comply with the United Nations General Assembly's resolution calling on them to return home those children whose parents express the desire to have them back. In this, again, all other efforts to restore good neighbourly relations between Greece and her neighbours, Albania and Yugoslavia, have boycotted the United Nations Special Committee

on the Balkans. Even the International Red Cross was treated with scant respect. The children remain behind the Iron Curtain and Greek parents mourn their lost children—snatched from their homes by the Pied Piper of the Kremlin.

Mass Misery

But the 28,000 abducted ones are not the only Greek children to suffer in their minds and little bodies from the Communist plot against their country. In packing-case-partitioned barracks and

By KEITH BUTLER

ware-houses, half-a-dozen families in a room, massed together in misery, poverty, squalor and disease-breeding conditions are nearly one million refugees.

The Greek Government does its best to relieve their plight with scant food and money doles. Nearly three-quarters of Marshall Plan reconstruction funds were swallowed up last year by stop-gap aid to the refugees and other sufferers from the dragging, sapling guerrilla war. Aid to keep Greece still free and independent her head just above water—but not enough to place her high out of reach of the Communist flood and firmly on the road to recovery and reconstruction.

Among the million refugees are over 340,000 children. Ideal breeding grounds for the "White Plague"—Tuberculosis—are crowded refugee camps, ruined towns, three-family rooms. In crowded living conditions with non-existent sanitation, persons with infectious tuberculosis are living cheek-by-jowl with other, relatively healthy people. Lack of good food and bad hygienic conditions lower resistance. Thousands of Greek children run the risk of contracting severe tuberculosis of the lungs and being sentenced to life-long invalidism. Already T.B. is taking its toll of Greece's younger generation. In Greece are some of the highest concentrations of tuberculosis meningitis in the world. Seventy-four cases are gathered under one roof in Athens and there are more in other towns. It's reckoned that in Greece, T.B. has 10 times the hold on the population that it has in Britain.

T.B. Menace

War, enemy occupation and now guerrilla war have destroyed and impoverished Greece's already inadequate medical services. Needed in children's T.B. Preventoria are 3,000 beds. Greece has only 1,500 beds in the whole country. There is only one 450-bed hospital for bone T.B. in the whole of Greece; the minimum number of beds required is 5,000.

In the ocean of the Greek children's needs a deeply appreciated drop has been the 80-bed

Preventorium established on the Island of Rhodes and the 48-bed (rising soon to 70 beds), new wing to be added to an existing Athens Preventorium, set up and fully equipped by the Scottish Fund for the Children of Greece. These and other preventoria aim at improving the general health of children who are either in direct contact in their daily lives with tuberculosis or are in such a state of health as to make them liable to contract the disease in a serious form. Many of the children in the preventoria are already suffering from primary tubercular infection. Their stay for several months in good conditions and medical care enables them to stop the advance of the disease and establish a stage of arrest and possible immunisation.

Thus Scotland has taken her place beside the Swedes, Danes and other peoples of the Western Democratic World who are trying to alleviate the suffering childhood of a small, free and valiant nation. The Greek children have many other urgent needs, but the fight against T.B. is the basic insurance for the future of the whole nation. Fighting on the side of the Communist guerrillas against the Greek nation is mankind's most deadly saboteur—the tubercle bacillus.

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Guerrillas, as the Nationalists know, are bad men to monkey with.

Yesterday's choice advertisement: "Beds, twin, practically new... Slumberland mattress complete European owner. Will sell separately." Thought the practice of selling wives had been stopped long ago?

KMT Have Got Them! Five printing machines turning out forged Hong Kong notes have been seized in Canton, by the authorities. We do not know whether to be overjoyed at our good fortune or dazed by the magnitude of our disaster.

According to a contemporary, the Colonial Secretary "unveiled the Po Leung Kuk athletic park." And there was I, thinking all the time that it was a circus tent.

Forward, the Strike Brigades! (There's nothing will stimulate the recruiting campaign in England like the knowledge that being a soldier may lead to getting a thorough stevedore's training.)

Forward, the Strike Brigades! In they went, dismayed. Well those poor conscripts knew

Someone had blundered... Whurpees who spat and cursed. Watched them, and slinked their thrills.

Knowing it's not the first... not the first hundred.

Work there was without end. Useless to now pretend. Though Colonels loudly yelled. Soon all had aching backs. Yet they could not relax.

Shifting a million sacks... hundred by hundred!

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Dreadful to think that a thousand years

Pickled in glass he awaits the cheers

Of generations of proletariats! Enough for trusts to feel very chary at....

It started pouring with rain as we sat down to bridge one afternoon. "Ye can play three-handed," says Mrs. Stewart of the Braces. "Ah'm gaun the post a letter, Iae Georgie and test out ma new waterproof frae Kate."

Good News From The States. Economic experts are now fully agreed that even though unemployment mounts at the rate of a million a month, there can be no depression—it's just that the sellers' market has disappeared.

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CONTINUOUS SURVEY OF THE STERLING AREA NEXT MOVE?

Possible Result Of New London Talks COMPLICATED PROBLEMS

London, July 12.

There are indications from several quarters today that the conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers, starting tomorrow, may discuss a proposal to set up an organisation to keep the Sterling Area under continuous survey.

This organisation, on which all members of the Sterling Area would be represented, would have its headquarters in London, but the Chairman might be a statesman from one of the Dominions.

It would resemble the continuing "Organisation for European Economic Co-Operation" of all the European Marshall Plan countries. Its purpose would be to keep a continuous survey of all current statistics and developments relating to the Sterling Area and its relations with the dollar area, and to make recommendations to the Commonwealth Finance Ministers.

This suggestion is expected to be made by several delegations, on the grounds that the dollar problem is so large that solutions of difficulties would, at best, take several months.

Commonwealth Finance Ministers cannot remain in London for such a long time, nor can they come to London at frequent intervals to be presented—as they are believed to be on this occasion—with some 50 pages of statistics and analyses prepared by British officials.

Reaction to the proposal in British quarters appears to be divided. It is believed that Sir Stafford Cripps himself is unconvinced.

The problems are complicated by the unusual character that the Sterling Area dollar pool has recently assumed. Except Ceylon, which has been (but may not remain) a net contributor to the pool, and South Africa, which is not a member of it, all the Sterling Dominions draw on the pool. The Colonies as a whole are substantial contributors to it. Thus, this pool, which has been rapidly diminishing, distributed to all the Sterling Dominions (except South Africa and Ceylon) some of Britain's Marshall dollars and some of the dollars earned by the Colonies.

This does not mean that the other Sterling Dominions have in any way been exploiting Ceylon and the Colonies. Any dollars obtained from them are earned by sending them goods, some of which could otherwise be sold in dollar markets.

Dollar Pool

If the dollar pool were disbanded Britain would stand to gain at first sight, since Marshall Aid is allocated to Britain, and Britain and her Colonies rank as a single unit in the International Monetary Fund.

But no question of disbanding the dollar pool is thought likely to arise. Britain would not want to do it. Nor would any of the Dominions who are drawing more from the pool than they are putting in.

Some observers think it much likelier that South Africa might rejoin the pool after the impending exhaustion of her gold loan to Britain.

Commonwealth economic leaders in secret conference will begin their search for a solution of the Sterling Area's dilemma spoliaged by Britain's announcement of the recent sharp decline in gold and dollar reserves.

The leaders will speak for Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Southern Rhodesia. Northern Ireland will also be represented—but as an observer. No sudden or dramatic measures should be expected from the talks, authoritative quarters indicate.

The conference will consider interim measures to meet the immediate problem of halting the drain on the Sterling Area's dollar and gold reserves.

But major decisions on long-term solutions are not expected until the Anglo-American-Canadian economic "Big Three" meet at Washington in September.

Earning And Saving
Proposals from the Commonwealth conference will be submitted to the Commonwealth Governments by their respective Finance Ministers for approval. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will open the vital phase of the talks with a critical review in which he will outline a series of tentative British proposals to meet the immediate dollar crisis in the Sterling Area.

He told Parliament last week that in the last quarter the reserves had fallen from £471,000,000 to £400,000,000.

British proposals, none of which represent a hard line of policy, will be aimed first at earning more dollars for the Sterling Area, and second, at saving more dollars.

The Commonwealth countries, in turn, will give their reactions to British ideas and advance their own.

Washington will be kept informed of any conclusions and developments at the conference.

The delegates will meet for the first time tomorrow morning at No. 10 Downing Street, where they will be received by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.

Ten Days

The first plenary session will start shortly afterwards around the great horse-shoe table in the Cabinet office—part of the British Treasury building adjacent to the Prime Minister's official residence.

This session will discuss the programme and agenda for the conference, which is expected to last about 10 days.

From time to time the conference will break up into small groups and committees to deal with specific problems of individual Commonwealth countries.

The principal British delegates are Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary of the Treasury.

The other leaders are: Canada—Mr. Douglas Abbott, Finance Minister; Mr. M. W. MacKenzie, Deputy Finance Minister; Australia—Mr. John J. Dedman, Defence Minister, representing the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, who is his country's Treasurer.

New Zealand—Mr. Walter Nash, Finance Minister; South Africa—Mr. N. C. Havenga, Finance Minister; South Africa—Mr. N. C. Havenga, Finance Minister; India—Mr. John Mathai, Finance Minister; Pakistan—Mr. Ghulam Mohammad, Finance Minister.

Ceylon: Mr. J. R. Jayawardena, Finance Minister; Southern Rhodesia—Mr. E. C. Whitehead, Finance Minister; Northern Ireland (observer)—Major J. Maynard Sinclair, Finance Minister.

Target For 1950

The target for exports to North America in the 1950 calendar year is £180,000,000, excluding re-exports.

Canada and the United States are the only large markets where United Kingdom exports directly in dollars, and are, therefore, ranked at top priority. But observers say there is need for increased exports also to other hard currency markets.

These include Argentina (to pay for meat, hides, skins, linseed and coal supplies) Belgium and Switzerland (to reduce Sterling Area deficits with these countries now existing, Britain gold) and Persia (to supply her with commodities she is at present buying with dollars provided by Britain).

Observers think the conference may consider a solution of the dollar earning and saving problem on the following lines:

- (1) By saving United Kingdom dollars (in January Britain aimed at diverting £100,000,000 worth of purchases away from the Western hemisphere by 1952);
- (2) By saving other Commonwealth countries dollars in the case of goods which Britain cannot at present supply to them;
- (3) By increasing the dollar earnings of the Sterling Area. In this, observers say, Britain has an important part to play in Commonwealth development by supplying capital equipment and materials, offering long-term contracts, providing assured markets for Commonwealth produce, and in suitable cases by direct participation in development schemes.—Reuter.

United States Must Buy More From Empire

London, July 12.
The New Zealand Finance Minister, Mr. Walter Nash, said on arriving here today that to solve the dollar crisis the United States must buy more from Britain and Commonwealth countries.

Mr. Nash will attend the Commonwealth finance conference beginning tomorrow.

"Britain's dollar crisis is just as much a New Zealand problem. We are all in this together," he declared.

At the moment, he added, he is not in favour of a policy of borrowing to solve the dollar shortage in the Sterling Area.—Reuter.

INDIAN ATTITUDE TO CRISIS

London, July 12.

A member of the Indian delegation to the Commonwealth financial talks said here today: "We came here to ask Britain to release more Sterling dollars to enable us to solve our exchange problems; instead, we are being asked to help her in her own crisis."

This seems to sum up the frame of mind of India, Ceylon and Pakistan to the talks which open here tomorrow.

The Indian delegation understand Britain's difficulties, but they can see no way in which India can appreciably modify her demands for her own immediate requirements, the delegate stated.

India has voluntarily taken all possible measures to cut down unessential imports, stimulate her exports and keep down the spending of hard currency.

India's reply to the view that all Dominions except Ceylon are, in the main, drawers from the Sterling Area's dollar pool is, according to a member of her delegation, that the net trading account with the dollar area is not a real criterion for judging the contribution of each member of the Commonwealth.

India, for instance, he said, is selling within the Sterling Area goods and commodities which could easily be dollar earners for herself if diverted elsewhere or, alternatively, save dollar expenditure for other Sterling Area members.

The delegate added that India is very much concerned with the problems facing the Sterling Area and genuinely desires to help solve these problems, although she has not yet any suggestions to offer.—Reuter.

WORLD AGREEMENT ON FOOD SUPPLY URGED BEFORE UN

Geneva, July 12.

A worldwide system of agreements, aimed at increasing food supplies by the economical disposal of surpluses, was proposed by India today.

Mr. B. P. Adarkar, the economic chief of the Indian External Affairs Ministry, made the proposal in the Economic Committee of the 18-member United Nations Economic and Social Council, at its session here.

He said: "Our view has been that it is an intolerable situation that food surpluses are arising in some parts of the world and malnutrition and famine are still rampant in other parts of the world."

He moved a resolution calling on the main food-producing countries to enter into bilateral arrangements to facilitate the economical disposal of surpluses and to avoid restrictionism in their future production of food, at least until such time as the world's population is adequately and properly nourished.

The resolution added that high food prices are upsetting the balance of payments of importing countries.

It urged the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation to take prompt and comprehensive measures to increase the production of food in under-developed countries.

Guarantees

Mr. Adarkar said that the suggested agreement would include sufficient guarantees for all parties.

The extent of price reductions is a matter best left to those entering into the bilateral or multilateral agreements reached. The Economic Committee considered the reference of the Indian proposal to a five-nation Working Sub-Committee for examination, but Mr. M. P. Morozov, the Soviet delegate, demanded that further consideration be given to it at the next meeting of the Economic Committee.—Reuter

Internuncio To Egypt Dead

London, July 12.

Monsignor Arthur Hughes, Roman Catholic Papal Internuncio for Egypt, died of a heart attack today while on short leave from his duties in Cairo.

The Internuncio, 46, had been Apostolic delegate in the Middle East since 1942, the first Englishman to hold the position. A former London newspaperman, he previously served as Catholic missionary in Uganda and Abyssinia.—Associated Press.

CHINA STUDENTS IN THE U.S.

Washington, July 12.

The House Foreign Committee today tentatively approved a bill authorising State Department financial assistance for the subsistence, tuition and return passage of Chinese students at present enrolled in accredited colleges or universities in the United States.

The bill authorises the expenditure up to \$4,000,000 for these pupils.—United Press.

SPECIAL MISSION TO UK

Washington, July 12.

The former Under-Secretary of Navy John Kenney, has been named Chief of a special recovery mission to the United Kingdom, the Economic Co-operation Administrator, Paul Hoffman, announced today.

The announcement was made as Mr. Kenney, aged 45, was sworn in at the ECA Headquarters.

Mr. Hoffman said he and Mr. Kenney will leave for Europe as soon as the Congress completes action on the 1950 ECA appropriation. They will go first to Paris for conferences with Mr. Averell Harriman, ECA Roving Ambassador in Europe, and then go on to London where Mr. Kenney will assume the post from which Thomas Finletter has resigned.

Mr. Kenney was with the Navy Department from 1941 to May of this year. He resigned along with the former Secretary of Navy, John Sullivan, after the latter's fight with the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, over the cancellation of plans to build the Navy's controversial super-carrier.—United Press.

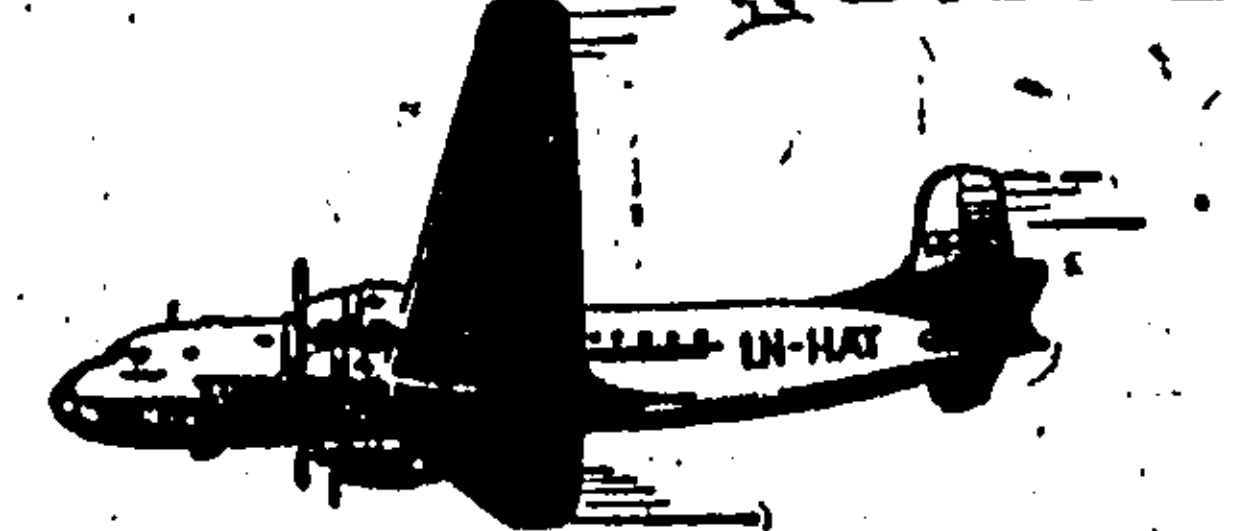
FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

London, July 12.

Commonwealth Governments and Administrations have not been invited to arrange for pavilions or other displays at the Festival of Britain Exhibition in 1951 because of the shortages of manpower and materials, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Lord President of the Council, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

The Commonwealth Governments have however been invited to arrange supporting events and to suggest ways in which, within the severe limits of space and materials, the Festival may include suitable references to the achievements in their countries, he said.—Reuter.

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SLASHING ATTACK ON CHURCH

Prague, July 12. Dr. Alexander Horak, a suspended priest who is a member of the semi-autonomous Slovak Government, declared in a speech reported from Bratislava today that the Catholic hierarchy in Czechoslovakia are spies, liable to severe penalties, even death.

He likened them to Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Catholic Primate, sentenced to life imprisonment.

Dr. Horak, speaking to the Bratislava Garrison, said: "I can see no Church authority in Mindszenty, but a criminal who must be punished according to the law for the security of the people."

"That is the whole essence of the present situation. What does the defence of the State require of the bishops and our clergy?" Dr. Horak claimed that they should swear loyalty to the President of the Republic, M. Klement Gottwald, as the head of the State, and submission to "our People's Democratic Government."

He made a series of criticisms of the Archbishop of Prague, Dr. Josef Benig, and asked: "Can a priest or a high priest do such work without punishment? Soldiers who fight for their country are punished even with death."

To prove the contention that the hierarchy is connected with "unfriendly foreign countries," Dr. Horak said that when the Government and the Church were negotiating the day before a conference, an American radio had already announced that the Czechoslovak bishops could not cooperate with a "Bolshevik Government."

"Moral Pressure"

Dr. Horak said: "It was proved that this report came into the hands of an American editor through a certain high priest."

Again, a "Church dignitary" had written a letter to a Minister of the Czech Government. "Before this reached the Minister, it was already read in an American broadcast."

Dr. Horak said that the Government-sponsored Catholic Action is intended to apply "moral pressure on the high priests to persuade them to go with the workers to build our country."

They do not want to separate themselves from the "Holy Father." No churches will be closed or priests arrested except that "all those who work against the State, even priests, must be arrested," he said.

Dr. Horak was one of a number of priests who were relieved of their Church duties in June, 1948, for taking part in politics.—Reuter.

Aviation's Worst Day Since End Of War PASSENGERS FIGHT ON ILL-FATED U.S. PLANE

LONDON, JULY 12.

AT LEAST 114 PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR INJURED IN THE
PAST 24 HOURS IN THE WORST SERIES OF AIR CRASHES
SINCE THE WAR.

The toll began yesterday when a Junkers aircraft crashed into the sea off Agadir, Morocco, killing 18 people. The wreckage was washed ashore today. Then an American C-54 Skymaster on the Berlin airlift crashed in the Soviet zone of Germany. The aircraft was found deep in a forest today. The three crew were killed.

The highest death-roll of the black-letter day was near Bombay, where a giant Constellation plunged into a hillside in a raging monsoon, killing 45 people including 13 of America's leading journalists.

From Los Angeles—this afternoon it was reported that a Standard Airlines plane, believed to be carrying about 40 passengers, crashed into San Fernando Valley after the pilot had radioed that there was a violent light on board and asking for police to wait at the airport. Late figures put the dead at 28.

The Civil Aeronautics authority, official in charge of the Lockheed airport control tower, Courtney Matthews, said there was no indication that the flight had had anything to do with the crash.

An injured passenger, Mr. Mary Betts, 25, of Long Beach, who was sitting directly behind the seat where the flight occurred, said:

"The man in the aisle seat swung on his companion without warning. He hit the other man on the chin. Then the stewardess came and took the man on the aisle seat to the rear of the plane while she went forward to tell the pilot. The crash came soon afterward, but apparently the first fight was not responsible."

Another passenger, Miss Judith Frost, said: "One hour before the crash, one of the men passengers got excited when we passed through a terrific storm. He took exception to something one of the other passengers asked him and started a fight. It was stopped quickly."

Mr. Matthews said there was no obvious reason for the crash. "The weather was not bad and other planes made normal approaches before and after the crash."

The plane belonged to Standard Airlines.

Bombay Tragedy

Near Tarbes, in the Pyrenees, a small French plane crashed, killing a passenger and injuring the pilot.

In the Constellation crash near Bombay, the plane plunged into a hillside, turned over and over into the rice fields below and burned to ashes.

The victims included Mr. Herbert R. Knickerbocker, one of America's outstanding journalists. A despatch from Manila said it is learned there tonight that Mrs. Dorothy Brandon, "New York Herald Tribune" reporter, refused to board the Constellation because

she had a presentiment of disaster.

A Bombay despatch said that rescue workers trudged for two hours through drenching rain and torrential mountain streams to find all the occupants burnt, mutilated or destroyed beyond recognition.

The plane, the "Franker", was chartered from the Royal Dutch Airlines, to take the party of journalists to Amsterdam from a tour of Indonesia. It put them down at New Delhi yesterday where they had a talk with the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Caught By Monsoon

The party was taken to Indonesia by the ill-fated KLM Constellation Roermond which crashed at Batavia last month on its way back. Thirty-three people died in that crash.

The "Franker" carried 35 passengers—two of them believed to be British—and 10 crew members, all Dutch.

The pilot tried to land at Santa Cruz but the monsoon caught him. He climbed a little and circled the airport. Then the control tower lost touch with him and heard nothing until the engineer at a waterworks in the Chalkopar Hills outside Bombay telephoned them to say that the great machine had crashed in the hills nearby and that he was organising a rescue party.

It is surmised in Bombay that having cleared the 3,000 foot Western Ghats between Bombay and Poona, the Constellation found reasonably clear weather and returned over the mountains to attempt another landing. It is thought it crashed while approaching the airport.

A KLM communiqué issued in The Hague said: "The Franker aircraft was approaching Bombay at 10 o'clock local time in heavy monsoon weather and

was clearly forced to keep circling the airfield."

"The machine then touched a hill some distance from the airfield resulting in the complete destruction of the plane."

Cascade Of Sparks

The plane left New Delhi at 6 a.m. local time and was on its way to Bombay for refuelling, before heading for Cairo when it ran into a monsoon belt of rain which had been drenching Southern India since Monday morning and which is still pouring down tonight.

Four miles from the Bombay airfield the plane began to circle and it was while doing so, said the KLM communiqué, that it struck the hill.

Hundreds of peasants working in the rice fields saw the crash. Another witness was the hydraulic engineer of Bombay's Municipal Waterworks.

"The plane roared overhead and crashed in a cascade of sparks," he said. "Wreckage was strewn over about two miles of country. About 200 trees were burned and bodies strewn one hillside."

One woman, groaning in agony, was still alive when the first search parties reached the hill, which is about 15 miles North of Bombay City. Other search teams converged on the hill by road from nearby Santa Cruz and surrounding points.

The 13 American journalists who lost their lives were: Mr. H. R. Knickerbocker, of Radio Station WOR; Mr. Nat Barrows, of the "Chicago Daily News" Syndicate; Mr. Bertram Hulen, of the "New York Times"; Mr. Charles Gratke, of the "Christian Science Monitor"; Mr. John Workley, of Time Magazine; Mr. William Newton, of Scripps Howard Newspaper Alliance; Mr. Tom Falco, of "Business Week"; Mr. Fred Colving, of the "Denver

U.S. Discounts Air Sabotage Theory

Washington, July 12. The State Department spokesman said today they have no information suggesting that the ill-fated air liner which crashed near Bombay might have been sabotaged.

He was commenting on an American news agency report from Manila which quoted Mr. William Matthews, Arizona publisher, as saying that Miss Dorothy Brandon, of the "New York Herald Tribune," refused to travel on the plane because it would be sabotaged.

Mr. Matthews was a member of the party of American journalists but did not travel on the plane.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC TREATY ESSENTIAL TO PEACE STRATEGY

Washington, July 12.

Approval of the North Atlantic Pact, which he called an essential ingredient of the overall strategy of peace, was urged today by Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign affairs spokesman.

Mr. Dulles paid a tribute to the contribution of the other nations to the Pact.

"We talk little about what others are, through this Treaty, doing for us. There are brave people close to danger who are willing, if need be, to absorb the first shock of a devastating attack because they believe in the things in which we believe, and want to show their solidarity with us."

"It is hardly right to treat such people as mercenaries," Senator Dulles, making his maiden speech in the Senate, said just there had been occasions since 1945 when war had been perilously close. "But there has at last been evolved a strategy for peace in the West which I am confident

will succeed if it is pushed vigorously to its full conclusion," he declared.

"The North Atlantic Treaty is one of the essential ingredients of that overall strategy. It can lift from the United Nations a burden and anxiety which that Organisation was never designed to carry."

Dissenting Voice

Senator Dulles said that it is important to disburse other parties to the Treaty of any illusion which they might derive from the debate that the Senate interpreted the Treaty as giving those countries the right to draw freely on the United States for their own independent military establishments.

Today's Senate debate was opened by Senator George Malone, Republican, who opposed the Pact on the grounds that the financial burden involved would wreck the economy of the United States.

Senator Malone contended that the Pact would support the European economic system and extend the political and economic control of Britain, France and the Netherlands where possible.—Reuter.

Presentiment Of Disaster

The party of American journalists originally numbered 13. Mrs. Dorothy Brandon of the "New York Herald Tribune" went to Manila before the Franker left Batavia.

The other American newsman who left the party of 15 was Mr. William R. Matthews of the "Arizona Star". He told a reporter in Manila tonight that he and Mrs. Brandon left the plane at Singapore. He decided to return home by way of Manila.

"Mrs. Brandon would not continue aboard the plane for anything in the world because she felt a presentiment of disaster," Mr. Matthews said. In addition to the 13 journalists aboard the Constellation, other passengers were as follows: (Continued on Page 12)



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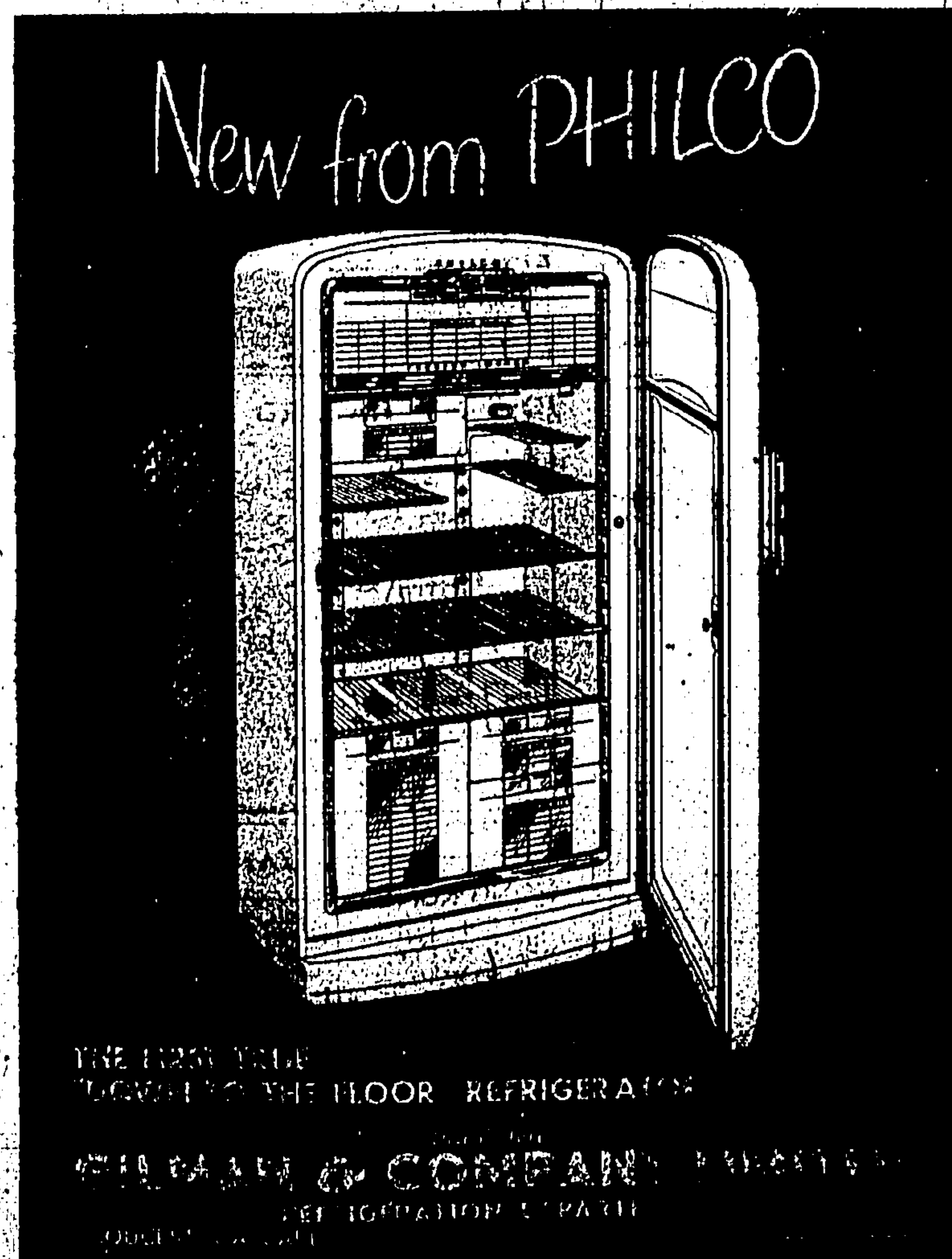
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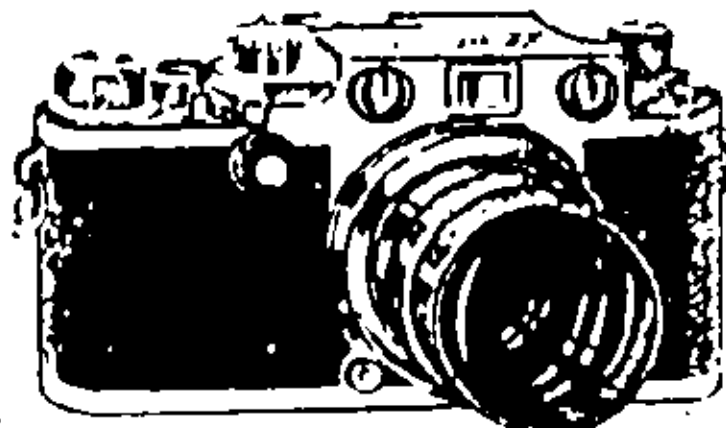
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Series Of Air Disasters

(Continued from Page 11)

Mr. Lyon C. Mahan, American Press Relations Officer to the party of journalists, Mr. Albert Edward Pilgrimage, British KLM representative in Singapore, Mr. Adam Richardson, British KLM General Operations Manager for India and the East, Mr. and Mrs. Acaman Chow Quan, Chinese.

An official in New Delhi said today, "The Government of India offers their deepest sympathy to the next of kin, relations and friends of the deceased."

The Government of India has granted special authorisation to KLM to send aircraft and their best technical personnel to the scene of the accident and to the associated with the investigations, which are being conducted by the Government.

Inquiry To Be Held

Late messages from Bombay say that the remains of 33 victims were taken to the Bombay City Hospital late tonight.

An inquest will be held tomorrow. Armed police threw a cordon around the Chalkopar Hills where the remains of 12 other casualties still lie strewn about in the dense vegetation. Efforts to retrieve them were suspended as darkness fell.

Heavy monsoon rain continued throughout the night. Representatives of the American and Dutch Embassies and KLM officials are due in Bombay from New Delhi tomorrow morning.

The Director of the Aeronautical Inspection Department of the Indian Government will conduct an investigation into what he described in New Delhi tonight as the worst air disaster that has so far occurred in India. He leaves for Bombay tomorrow.

The remains of the 14 American victims are to be given into the care of the representative of the American Embassy.

Bombay's landing ground was being made ready to receive the Constellation when the crash occurred.

Instrumental landing equipment, says a Bombay report, is

either not yet working properly on this field or is not yet working at all, being in the course of installation.

Grim Jest

It was once proposed to dynamite the hill which the Constellation hit, but the plan was abandoned.

Visibility was hardly 50 feet when the Constellation arrived. The parties which went to the scene of the crash had to ascend the slushy hillside by a water-pipe which supplies Bombay.

In Batavia, Government and airline officials reserved official comment on the possibility of sabotage, but unofficially the opinion is expressed that the chances of foul play were extremely slight. KLM sources said that the plane was well guarded before take-off, a routine procedure in Batavia.

Before they boarded the plane at Batavia, a few of the passengers joked that from the standpoint of the superstitious the flight might be unlucky as the plane which brought them to the Indies was that which crashed off Bari.

Mr. Knickerbocker told his friends that if the plane crashed it would provide some unique posthumous broadcasts from New York as he had recorded a commentary and forwarded it ahead.

Cook's Agent

A Canadian, A. I. Richardson, was carried as an 11th member of the crew.

Albert Edward Pilgrimage, 45, was agent for Thomas Cook at Singapore, Nice, Brussels, Ostend, Amsterdam and The Hague. Then he worked as radio commentator with the Malayan Broadcasting Corporation. He held his Singapore post from 1946.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter.

Mrs. Pilgrimage, who flew from London today, heard the news of the disaster, when she reached Schiphol airport, Amsterdam.

The two Chinese passengers were on their way to Trinidad. Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

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SENATE COMMITTEE PASSES KOREA AID

Washington, July 12:

President Truman asked Congress today for \$125,000,000 for continued assistance to the Republic of Korea.

Legislation authorising the assistance was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee just before the President sent Congress his request for cash.

Spaniards Impounding British Ships

London, July 12.
A two-week-old British protest to Spain against the detention of four British and their yacht, Whispering Wind, has remained unanswered. A Foreign Office spokesman disclosed today.

The British protest was handed in by the British Charge d'Affaires in Madrid after the yacht had been detained at sea by a Spanish gunboat.

The spokesman said today that Britain is considering further action in the matter. Representations have also been made by Mr. A. F. Dean, the British Consul in Valencia, where the yacht is impounded.

The British Government takes a serious view of the matter. The British protest demanded to know the reasons for the Spaniards' action, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

The Committee made it a \$150,000,000 programme. In doing so, it omitted a restriction imposed by the House Committee which would terminate aid if any Communists penetrated the South Korean Government.

Chairman Tom Connally announced the action of the Senate Committee after it met in closed session.

Simultaneously, the special Korean Ambassador, Dr. Chough Yung Ok, said he feels continued American military, economic and political assistance is assured.

"As a result of conversations with United States officials, both civilian and military, I think the United States has a deep permanent interest in our welfare," Dr. Chough said in an interview.

He predicted military aid will be forthcoming as soon as the projected military aid plan is sent to Congress and approved.

"American officials understandably at present are unable to say how much more military

aid will be supplied. I have assurances that substantial aid will be forthcoming."

Pacific Union

Dr. Chough conferred today with the Canadian Ambassador preparatory to a trip to Ottawa. Dr. Chough said: "I am going to Canada to talk for Canadian recognition of the Korean Republic. And I am hopeful that Korean-Canadian trade can be stimulated."

Referring to the Sino-Philippine move for an anti-Communist Pacific Union, Dr. Chough said: "I hope all Pacific nations will lend their support."

He said: "The United Nations mission in Korea is likely to return to New York soon, but I am hopeful it will return to Korea before the year is ended and remain there most of the coming year. Its presence in Korea would be a further deterrent to possible external threats to our security during this formative period."

Associated Press.

PLAN FOR NAVAL STRATEGY

London, July 12:

Admiral Richard L. Connel, Commander of United States Naval Forces in Europe, today the United States and other Atlantic Pact nations tentatively discussed the establishment of standard communications and tactical procedures.

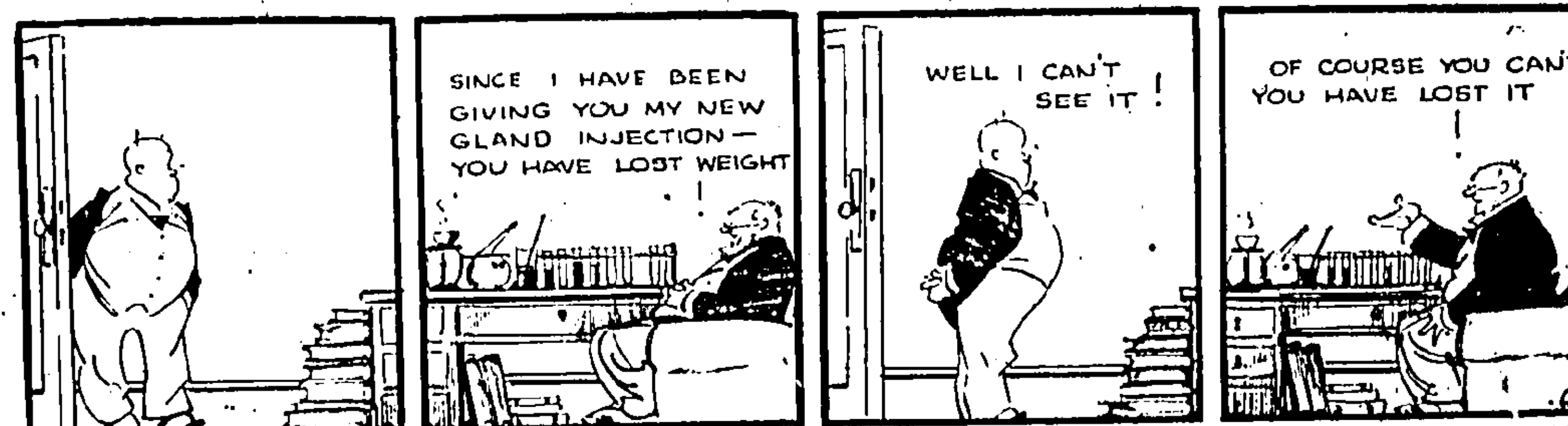
He told a group of United States newsmen starting a tour of American naval centres in Europe that Senate ratification of the mutual defence treaty, followed by direct co-operation among the naval powers of the United States and Western Europe.

Joint operations and plans will be legalised and regularised. The extent of such co-operation, he said, will depend on the decisions reached by the national military planners.

United States naval forces have not held penultimate manoeuvres with any European nations although powerful units of the American fleet have been kept in the North Atlantic since 1946.

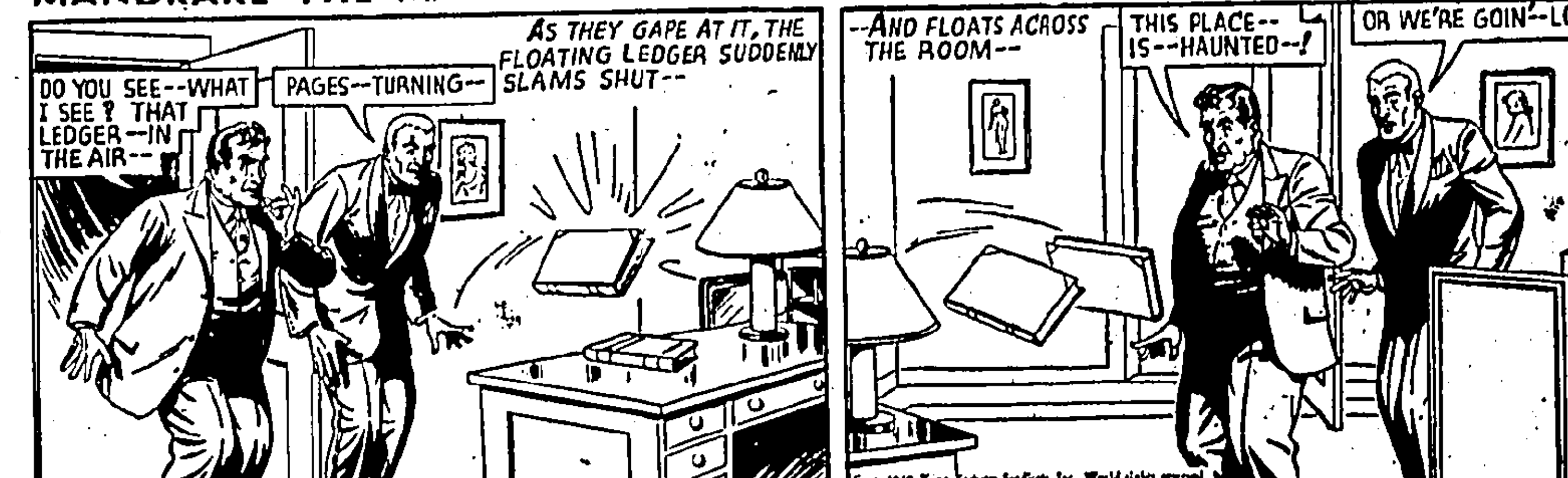
Admiral Connel declined speculation as to what effect the ratification of the pact would have on the number of United States ships kept in European waters. But he said: "Our interests for maintenance of a fleet in the Mediterranean—we are a Mediterranean power now."—U.P.

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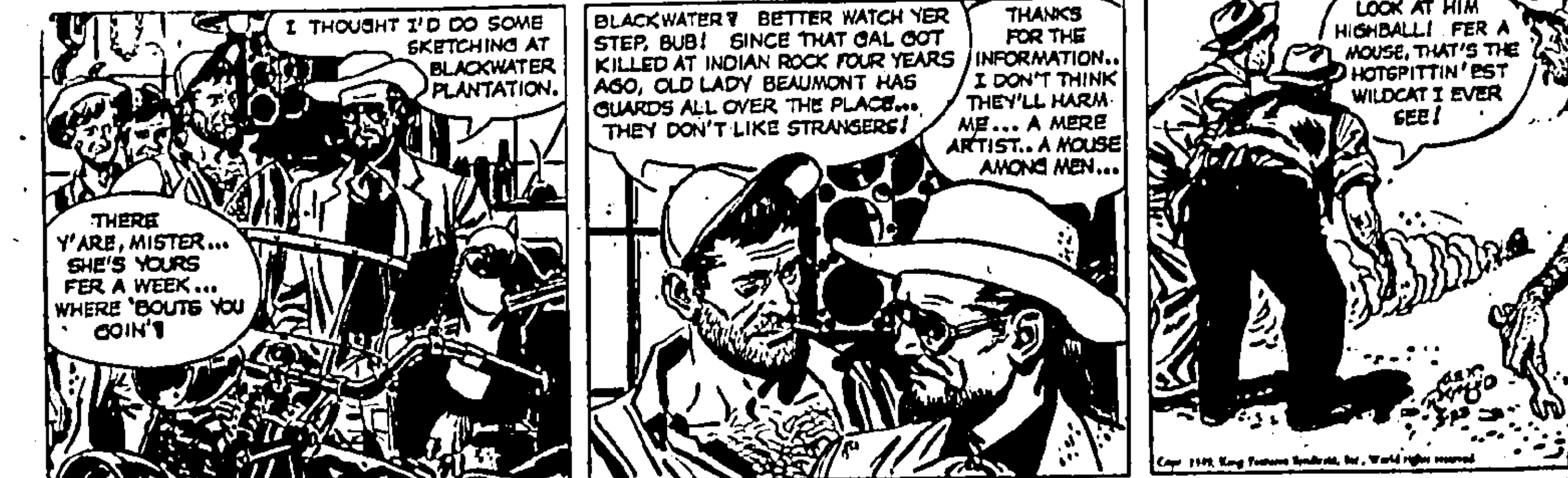
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"SHENGKING"	Swatow	6 p.m. 17th July
"PAKHOT"	Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama	5 p.m. 19th July
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"FUKIEN"	Kobe	23rd July

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GREEK REVOLT NEAR
END OF ITS TETHER

Belgrade, July 12.

REVIEW OF
EASTERN
POLICY

London, July 12. British representatives to all Middle East countries will meet in London on July 26 to plan the economic improvement of the great Arab lands, the Foreign Office said today.

The conference is described as the third phase in efforts being made to plan the future of the vital Middle East regions and a full-scale review of British Middle Eastern policy.

British Middle Eastern policy was said to be guided by two dangers to the Middle East:

1. The possibility of disruptive influences working to undermine the Arab countries' economy.

2. Danger of armed attack.

The Foreign Office emphasises that there is no connection between the forthcoming conference and the informal Anglo-French conversations held in London during the past week between British and French Foreign Office.

A detailed agenda has been drawn up for the forthcoming conference of British Middle East representatives under the following headings:

1. Developments since 1945, with a survey of work already done and consideration of what remains to be done. Some planned projects may be scrapped in favour of others considered more profitable.

2. A review of progress made by the British Middle East Office in Cairo and plans held in abeyance pending the Palestine peace settlement.

3. Discussion of current problems, of which the most pressing is the plight of Palestinian Arab refugees.

Foreign Office officials say Britain has every hope that with the peace settlement in Palestine these plans will make very rapid progress.—United Press.

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This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.30 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling."
12.52 p.m.	"Film Memories."
1.00 p.m.	"Jazz Duet (HBCS)."
1.15 p.m.	"News, Weather Report and Announcements."
1.25 p.m.	"Interlude."
1.30 p.m.	"The Orchestra of the Week."—Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.	"Classical Music."
2.05 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling."
2.07 p.m.	"Children's Story: 'Winter Holiday' by Arthur Mearns. Read by Captain Phil (Studio)."
2.30 p.m.	"A. J. C. Court. Guest Artist Robert Wilson. (Teatro)."
2.50 p.m.	"La Demi-Heure Francaise."
3.00 p.m.	"Down Beat Discs" presented by Paul Stuart. (Studio)."
3.00 p.m.	"World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)."
3.15 p.m.	"Some of the Functions and Problems of a Museum." A Talk by H. S. Jerns, who is Assistant Keeper of the Department of Oriental Antiquities of the British Museum. (Studio)."
3.30 p.m.	"ITEMA." (HBCS)."
3.50 p.m.	"From the Editorials." (London Relay)."
4.10 p.m.	"Weather Report."
4.11 p.m.	"Feature Parade: 'The Yaku Trail' by Michael Barker. Produced in Collaboration with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. 'The Story of Lloyd'—by D. F. Aiken. (HBCS)."
4.10 p.m.	"The Kentucky Minstrels conducted by Leslie Woodgate."
4.30 p.m.	"Thursday Serenade." A Programme of continuous Music."
4.50 p.m.	"Radio News Reel (London Relay)."
5.15 p.m.	"Weather Report and Summary of News from China."
5.20 p.m.	"Close, Down."

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H.K.T.	
7.00 a.m.	"Up With The Sun."
7.15 a.m.	"Setting Up Exercises."
7.30 a.m.	"Musical Clock."
7.45 a.m.	"The Ed. A. Keller Programme."
8.00 a.m.	"News And Weather Forecast."
8.15 a.m.	"Olympic Motors Show."
8.30 a.m.	"Good Morning."
8.40 a.m.	"Thursday's Music."
9.00 a.m.	"Morning Melody."
10.00 a.m.	"Music For All."
10.15 a.m.	"The Newchord Trio."
10.30 a.m.	"Tune Time."
10.45 a.m.	"Interval Signal."
11.00 a.m.	"From The Films."
11.15 a.m.	"Light Variety."
1.15 p.m.	"News."
1.30 p.m.	"Orchestra Of The Week."
2.00 p.m.	"Variety Calls The Tune."
4.15 p.m.	"Trotteurs."
4.30 p.m.	"You're Young Years."
5.00 p.m.	"Music Makers."
5.15 p.m.	"Corolla Calling."
5.30 p.m.	"Memories Of Yesterday."
5.45 p.m.	"Light Orchestra."
6.15 p.m.	"Light Orchestra."
7.00 p.m.	"Listen To Lullaby (Gilmah)."
7.15 p.m.	"Music By Paul Weston."
7.30 p.m.	"The Music Programme—The Story Of Light."
7.45 p.m.	"Super-Cole Programme."
8.00 p.m.	"B.B.C. News."
8.15 p.m.	"South American."
8.30 p.m.	"ITEMA."

The Greek rebel movement is nearing the end of its tether and its open break with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia may hasten the end of the Greek civil war, military observers said today.

Although the rebels are reported to be getting Soviet-directed aid through Bulgaria and Albania, their Cominform allies, these mountainous routes of communication are extremely difficult.

Moreover, both Albania and Bulgaria have serious domestic food and economic problems of their own and are too weak to render effective support.

In his major foreign policy address at Trianon Sunday, Marshal Tito predicted that the Greek democratic liberation movement very probably will have fatal consequences because it had become nearly a Cominform pawn.

For some months, there has been a strong belief here that the Yugoslavs are not rendering any aid to the rebels, who in January began murmuring for a "United Macedonia".

Such an appeal could only be aimed at detachment of the Republic of Macedonia from the Yugoslav federation and Yugoslav leadership quickly recognised the threat and warned the Cominform not to try to carry it out.

Usually authentic reports from Skopje, the Yugoslav Macedonian capital, said wounded rebels who had found refuge in Yugoslav territory are not returning to Greece.

The Yugoslav press gave fresh evidence this morning that the Yugoslav Government is washing its hands off the Cominform-dominated rebels.

"Foul Slander"

More than two full columns, with pictures, were devoted to reports from wounded Greek soldiers who denied the "foul slander of the Cominform bureau" that Yugoslavia had allowed Greek Government troops to use its territory in the Kaimakchalan area for action against the rebels.

The rebel Greek radio had broadcast this report, which Tito also denounced at Pola. "Nobody can believe this lie and wounded partisan fighters who found shelter recently in our territory deny this foul, filthy slander," said "Borba," the Communist Party organ.

Secret Talks Of
Military Chiefs

Berlin, July 12.

The four Allied Commandants of Berlin met in secret for two and a half hours today—for the first time since the Paris Big Four meeting—to normalise conditions in Berlin.

They gathered in the Allied Control Authority building in Berlin with their deputies and advisers to tackle the problems of double rule, currencies and economies in the German capital, which is again harassed by transport difficulties.

The British Military Government has lodged another strong protest with the Soviet authorities against the partial road blockade of Berlin, Major General G. K. Bourne, the British Commandant, announced here tonight.

"The situation is becoming absolutely intolerable," he told a press conference after the meeting of the four Commandants.

General Bourne said that he (Bourne) had also made a strong protest at today's meeting of the Commandants. He said: "The Soviet Commandant General Kotikov, replied that so far as he was aware, everything was normal and since the reported hold-up of lorries was outside Berlin it could not be discussed at the meeting."

General Bourne said: "A letter of protest has today been written by Major General G. K. Bourne, the Chief of Staff, to his Soviet opposite number, Lieutenant General Mikhail Dratvin."

General Bourne said that at the Commandants' meeting, "I pointed out that it was annoying to have to discuss Berlin affairs when Berlin is already suffering from a partial road blockade, and I was supported in this by Brigadier General Frank Howley, the American Commandant."

According to General Bourne, the three Western Commandants hammered away at General Kotikov, but could not succeed in getting the transport hold-up discussed.

General Kotikov agreed, however, to refer the matter to his superiors.—Reuter.

9.00 p.m.	"Dance Time—Victor Silvester."
9.15 p.m.	"Vincent Lopez."
9.30 p.m.	"The Salvo Dancers."
10.00 p.m.	"B.B.C. World News."
10.15 p.m.	"Good News."
10.30 p.m.	"Light Music."
10.45 p.m.	"Thursday Serenade."
11.00 p.m.	"Dance With Dreamland."
11.15 p.m.	"Soft Lights And Sweet Music."
11.30 p.m.	"Close Down."

INDIAN
HINT
ON GOA

London, July 12.

Mr. Nath Pal, Secretary of the Indian Socialist group in London, said today that the result of the Chandernagore plebiscite in a sharp reminder of the problem of Goa.

Mr. Pal, who recently attended an Executive Committee meeting of the International Union of Socialist Youth at Toulouse, France, told the Press Trust of India: "The Portuguese seem determined not to learn from the logic of events and are desperately clinging to their tiny possessions in the teeth of mounting opposition from the people of Goa. Afraid of the verdict of the people, which is bound to go against them, they are refusing to submit the issue to a plebiscite."

The people of Goa have been fighting for fundamental civil liberties for the last three years, Mr. Pal said.

He also stated: "The Portuguese occupation of Goa is not only a denial of the inalienable right of the people of Goa to decide their own future but constitutes a danger to India's security and a challenge to her sovereignty."

Mr. Pal said that the executive meeting of the International Socialist Youth at Toulouse considered the situation in Goa and adopted a resolution condemning the maintenance of Portuguese control of Goa, and the "repressive measures of the Portuguese Government especially the imprisonment of the young political workers of Goa."—Reuter.

Tour Of Pakistan
Minister

London, July 12.

Mr. Ghulam Mohiuddin, Pakistan's Finance Minister, told Reuter today that his recent fortnight's economic study tour of Denmark and Sweden will greatly assist Pakistan in revising its existing economic development plans and formulating new ones.

Mr. Mohiuddin, who arrived here by air on Saturday last to attend the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference, beginning tomorrow, said that he had undertaken the tour because both Denmark and Sweden are like Pakistan—mainly agricultural countries—and they have developed highly efficient agricultural organisations.

He said that he also had talks with banking and financial interests in the two countries and he studied the functioning of their major commercial organisations.—Reuter.

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Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing time.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

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Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for Teluk and Fouchow: Airmail for Kweilin, Chungking and Chengtu, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Luchow and Kunming: Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, (Batra, Nairobi, Bombay, Darjeeling, Madras, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi), Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Bangkok, 9 a.m.

Singapore, 1 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta, 1 p.m.

Hankow, 2 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 4 p.m.

Tamkang (via Canton), 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Closing Times by Air

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FRIDAY, JULY 16

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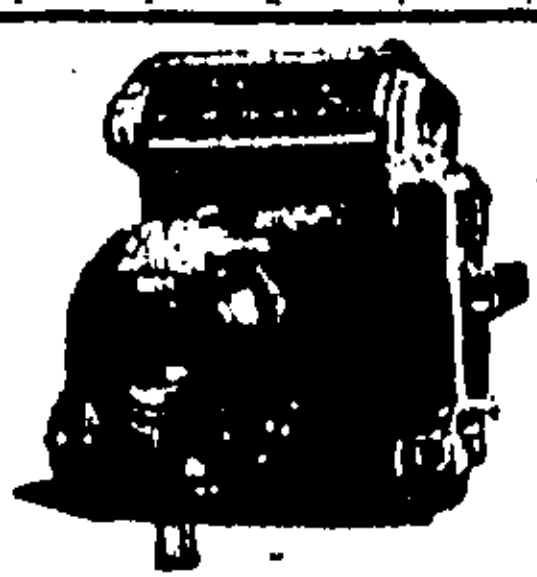
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WORCESTER AGAIN HEAD-COUNTY TABLE

London, July 12.

While the cricket giants of the North and South—Yorkshire and Middlesex—were disputing points for a first innings' lead in what may prove to be a vital game, Worcestershire climbed back to the head of the County cricket championship table with a thrilling win over Somerset.

By their victory Worcestershire increased their number of points to 108, having won eight of their 14 matches.

Mrs. Mallorie Leads With 1,426 Points

(By RUBBINGSTRAKE)

Two out of the three races in the first series for novices have now been sailed and at present Mrs. Mallorie is in the lead with 1,426 points to Robinson's 1,374. Miss Landsberg and Moser follow with 1,128 and 1,070 respectively.

In the open dinghy series the top seven scores are:—Howell 5742 (9), Palfreyman 3735 (7), Corbett 3614 (6), Evans 2509 (7), Furrer 2599 (5), Dobois 2372 (5), Harrison 2007 (5). Figures in brackets denote the number of starts made to date.

In the open Star series the first five are:—Furrer 2579 (5), Janion 2207 (4), Yourieff 1675 (4), Mison 1659 (3), Mallorie 1158 (2).

The Redwings have now sailed two races in their Summer Series and Ghost (17) is comfortably first with two wins and 1031 points. Miranda (19) has 1197 and Puffin (2) 1044.

There seems to be doubt in some quarters as to whether the new scoring system works on an average performance or on aggregate. The latter is correct and a maximum number of races to count in each series will be laid down in due course as soon as it can be seen how they are going.

In the Autumn and Spring Dinghy Team Championship (whose completion was delayed by the absence of the R. N. H.Q. team during May) the Inland Revenue Dept. team with 155 points cannot now be beaten. R. N. H.Q. with 96 points have still to sail against the International, and the 5th C. S. each of whom have at present 114. Competition for second place will be keen.

Mr. Lanning has now taken over the duties of boatmaster at Kellett Island.

Results over the last week were:—

TUESDAY, JULY 5

10th Summer Series Race Dinghies—1. Furrer (4) 1,130, 2. Howell (5), 3. Evans (5), 4. Byke (6), 5. Dobois (2), 6. Landsberg (18), 7. Palfreyman (16), 8. Corbett (14), 9. Mallorie (17), 10. D.N.F., 11. Miss F. Lacey (14) D.N.F.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Novices "A" Series Race Dinghies—1. Clarke (17) 1,180, 2. Mrs. Mallorie (14) 1,205, 3. Miss Landsberg (15) 1,200, 4. Robinson (4) 1,210, 5. Moser (14) 1,205, 6. Evans (6) 1,322, 7. 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